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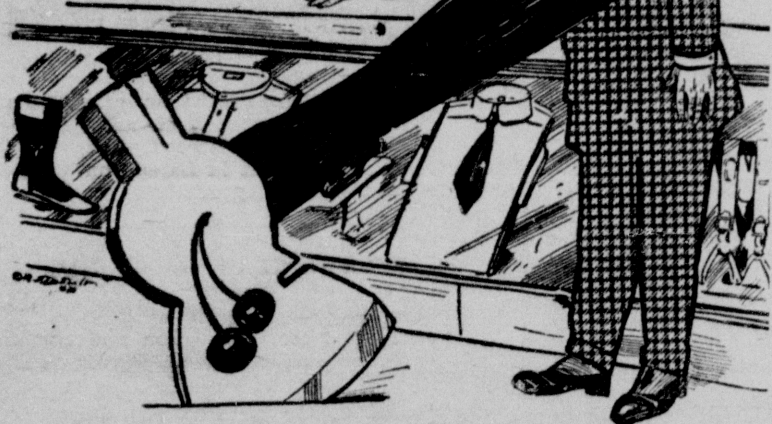
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GERMAN SINKING OF DUTCH VESSELS MAY CAUSE WAR WITH HOLLAND AT ANY HOUR

Seven Dutch Vessels, Totalling a Loss of More than Eleven
Millions, were Sunk, Despite Promise of German Of-
ficials that Vessels were to Have Safety
Period Extended at Their Request.

ARKANSAS SENATORS ACCUSED OF BRIBERY

POLICE SAY THEY SAW SOLONS
RECEIVE MONEY IN DARK
ALLEY BEFORE THE
ARREST.

By Associated Press.
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 24.—A special session of the county grand jury is investigating the alleged bribery of members of the Arkansas senate. The police say they saw two senators accept packages containing \$1,000 each in a dark alley last night before the arrests were made. The senators gave \$10,000 bond.

NO DOUBLE PRIMARIES.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—Former Senator Bailey wired today from Washington declining to address the legislature owing to press of business there. The house defeated the proposal to amend the state election laws so as to provide a double primary at all elections by voting to postpone action indefinitely.

AUTO SHOW AT ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—The largest show of automobiles and accessories ever seen in the Southeast was opened in the Auditorium in this city today and will be continued through next week. The display embraces nearly all of the notable exhibits seen at this year's shows in New York and Chicago. Virtually all of the prominent manufacturers are represented. Indications point to a large attendance of dealers and other visitors from all over Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and East Tennessee, with some from more distant States.

YANKS GET EARLY START.

New York Feb. 24.—With a dozen battery men in his squad, Manager Bill Donovan of the New York American league club starts today for the training camp of the Yankees at Macon, Ga. Others are to join the party en route and it is expected that all of the pitchers and catchers will report for practice at Macon on Monday. Manager Donovan decided to get his pitchers in condition early because of the strenuous preliminary games arranged with the Boston Braves and the Brooklyn club. The other players on the Yankee team have been ordered to report at Macon by the end of next week.

THE PARTIAL TEACHER.

Have you got a nice teacher?" asked Uncle Ed.
"No," said Belle. "She ain't nice."
"Why, Belle?" said her mother.
"I'm ashamed of you; your teacher is 'She's mean t' me,' declared Belle, running her words together. "She let George Brown dust her desk and 'twas my turn."

THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

"That's a swaggar car Glithers is riding around in these days."
"So it is."
"I wonder who it belongs to?"
"Why, to the man who sold it to Glithers. It will belong to him for 12 months yet."

By Associated Press.
London, Feb. 24.—Lloyds announces the sinking of the British steamers Grenadier Captain—six men killed and the remainder landed—and the Trojan Prince. Also the following Dutch vessels torpedoed Thursday, the crews having landed: Zandick, Noorderijk, Eemland, Jacatra, Menado, Bandoeng and the steamship Caasterland.

Loss of \$11,600,000.

New York, Feb. 24.—The destruction of Dutch ships reported from London involves the loss of vessels and cargoes valued at \$11,600,000, according to the estimates of the lines owning the seven ships sunk.

Expect Break to Come.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The tremendous destruction of Dutch shipping is regarded here as the most acute phase of the international situation. A break between the Netherlands and Germany is believed to be near, and Holland is expected to take action soon.

Consternation at The Hague.

The Hague, Feb. 24.—Consternation was caused by the announcement of the sinking of seven Dutch vessels. When the vessels left February 22 the German officials are said to have indicated that the vessels would be "relatively safe," the so-called "safe period" having been extended at the request of the Dutch government.

Wilson Still Uncommunicative.

Washington, Feb. 24.—With the adjournment of congress a week off, President Wilson has not indicated when he will go before that body with a statement regarding international relations. The next cabinet meeting will be held Tuesday. Press reports that the torpedoed Athos was being used as a troop transport conveyed by two destroyers allays the excitement caused yesterday over the death of an American missionary.

Armed Raider in Indian Ocean.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—The Niobi Nichi announces that an armed merchantman is raiding commerce in the Indian Ocean and has sunk two British steamers southwest of Colombo.

Increased British Forces.

London, Feb. 24.—The army estimate issued today provides for an army of 5,000,000 men exclusive of India. An additional navy estimate calls for 50,000 officers and men, bringing the total of the navy personnel to 450,000.

American Liner Sailed.

New York, Feb. 24.—The American line steamship Finland, carrying 166 passengers, including Dr. Henry VanDyke, former American minister to the Netherlands, sailed from Liverpool February 17 and is due here next Tuesday or Wednesday. She is now presumed to be safely beyond the submarine zone.

Germans Abandoned Position.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The Germans yesterday abandoned parts of an advanced position in the Somme sector to the British, the war office announces. A French attack on Champagne failed.

Two Americans Aboard.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The sinking of two more vessels, the Norwegian steamer Skrim and the Norwegian

FILIBUSTER IS NOW RETARDING ACTION

SENATE DEMOCRATS DETERMINE
TO FIGHT TO FINISH THE
REPUBLICAN MINORITY
TACTICS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 24.—Senate Democrats are determined to fight to a finish with the Republican minority over the revenue bill and preparedness legislation and have practically decided to hold congress in continuous session from now on even to the extent of holding thro. the day, March 4. The Repeal, obstructive tactics were resumed today on the conference report on legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill.

EXPORTS INCREASED.

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 24.—Exports of domestic merchandise on ships leaving New York during January were increased in value by more than \$231,000,000 over January of 1916.

AUTHOR OF "HELEN'S BABIES."

New York, Feb. 24.—John Habberton, whose writings enjoyed wide popularity years ago, though almost unknown to the present generation of readers, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary today at his home at Westwood, N. J. Mr. Habberton is one of those authors whose one great success dimmed everything else they ever wrote. Forty years or more ago everybody laughed over "Helen's Babies." A quarter of a million copies of the book were sold before the popular interest in it began to subside. It was translated into several languages. Afterwards he did better work from a literary standpoint, but none of it enjoyed even a small measure of the popularity of his one celebrated book.

HORSE SHOW OPENS IN HAVANA

Havana, Cuba., Feb. 24.—All indications are that the Cuban-American International Horse Show, which was formally opened today on the grounds of the Cuban-American Racing Association, will be a great success. The exhibition is the first large affair of its kind ever given in Cuba and is held under the auspices of the Government, which has donated \$25,000 in prizes. Many of the foremost breeding establishments in the United States are represented and many well known Americans are here to attend the show. Included in a large party from New York are Mrs. Alfred Vandervilt and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney.

bark Bienheim, each with an American sailor aboard, was reported to the state department today by American consuls. Both vessels were warned and the two Americans were landed safely.

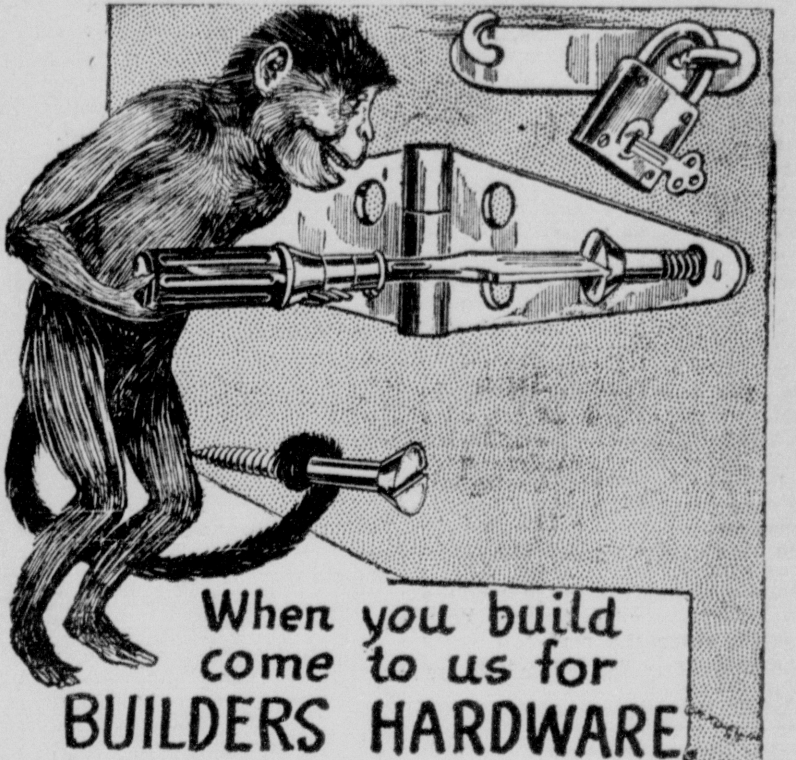
Italian Transport Sunk.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The admiralty today announced that the Italian transport Minas carrying 1,000 soldiers to Saloniki was sunk and that all aboard except two men perished.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1916, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$1,075,271.20	Capital Stock.....\$ 200,000.00
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures..... 57,589.83	Surplus Fund..... 50,000.00
United States Bonds..... 165,000.00	Undivided Profits, net..... 135,600.48
Other Bonds and Securities..... 16,574.89	Circulation..... 149,200.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank..... 7,500.00	Deposits..... 1,191,448.00
Cash and Exchange..... 404,312.72	
Total.....\$1,726,248.64	Total.....\$1,726,248.64
J. K. BERETTA, President.	SAM W. BROWN, Cashier.
B. M. ALEXANDER, Vice President.	P. W. BUTTRON, Asst. Cashier.



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BUY ALL OF YOUR HARDWARE FROM US
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The Reliable Playhouse, The Unique that affords to its patrons security and comfort
BEST MUSIC, BEST FILM SERVICE
—TODAY—

Gail Kane and Carlyle Black in "ON DANGEROUS GROUND," the thrill offering supreme. There is something doing every moment during the unfolding of this virile play.
"HIS WEDDING NIGHT" comedy.

Admission 10c; box seats 20.

...AND MORE...
It is becoming apparent that the...
But to wait until a scant month before the celebration comes is to trust a great deal to fate, and much of the success of our celebrations is due to sheer luck.
Something should be done to arrange for next year's celebration in order that the work may be properly co-ordinated and that all the burden shall not fall upon a few committees. It is always true that the willing horse pulls the heaviest part of the load, but that does not make it right.
Other cities which have celebrations or fiestas of various sorts have celebration committees forming a permanent organization, and it is these that there is a good system that give each year a carnival that attracts many thousands of people from all over the country.
The same may be said of the Battle of Flowers in San Antonio, the various Rose Festivals and other celebrations in California, and the carnivals in Memphis, St. Louis, Mobile, Pensacola and other places.
The response of the people of Laredo to a financial appeal is always ample and spontaneous. There is no trouble in securing money for any event we desire to stage, and the interest of the people also extends to hearty co-operation in other ways.
Were there to be a celebration association formed here, with permanent officers for the entire year, much could be accomplished in making the Twenty-Second one of the biggest celebrations in the whole country.
We have a climate that is incomparable at this season of the year. It is true that we need better accommodations for travelers, but when the demand for more accommodations comes we shall be able to meet it somehow.
The Washington's Birthday Celebration of Laredo is already celebrated throughout the greater part of the country. The moving picture companies have for the past few years sent men here to get the views, and even in far-off New England and California the people have seen pictures of our display.
A street fair and a parade are well enough in their way, but they do not cover all that is expected of us. Were it not for the troops, there would be little else to see here during the celebration.
The floats displayed this year show what could be accomplished in that direction with more time and perhaps a slight additional outlay. The private displays could be more numerous and some of them more artistic were more time devoted to them.
MACHINERY VERSUS HANDS.
For many years past the European nations have used less machinery, particularly in farming, than the United States. There was a good reason for this, in that the European countries had millions of laborers who could not have been used to any advantage were the ordinary laborers of the farm work done by machinery. It is told in Japan that when a foreign company wanted a franchise for the building of a wharf, the emperor refused because it would cut off the staved work of many thousands of his subjects, who did painfully by hand the work that the foreigners would have done by machinery.
In many of the European countries, particularly in Germany, the bulk of the farm work has been done by the women, even young girls doing work that strong men are supposed to do in this country. This has been a veritable godsend to the Germans during the present war, for the women merely continued to do the work they had performed for centuries, and the men were released to fight in the trenches.
The loss of many millions of men and the crippling of millions more is bringing machinery to the attention of the European nations as it has never been brought before. To adequately handle the farm work as there are comparatively few men left in some sections where the heaviest crops are ordinarily raised.
Not only in farm work will machinery be used where hand labor was previously employed. One reason for the employment of much machinery was the necessity of giving many thousands employment, although they made but little money. The plan has been to increase the wages of those employed.
An average American workman's family is dependent upon the wages paid the men of the family. The women do the housework, or take in sewing or other light employments in many cases but one never sees the girls of the women of the family working at such tasks as have been from time immemorial the work of the European women.
The introduction of machinery will mean emancipation of many millions of women in Europe who at the present are the breadwinners of their families. It will be much as the Georgia darkey said when he first saw a trolley car: "What won't dem Yankees do next? First dey freed de nigger and now dey done freed de mule!"
The American housewife—at least in the cities—has been emancipated from much of the drudgery which has fallen to the lot of her European sister. The sewing machine, the electric light, the hot and cold running water, the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner—all have done their share in giving the American woman more leisure, and the women of the same class in Europe are still doing their work as their cave-dwelling ancestors might have done it.
Here on the border one sees much of the work done painfully by hand, although in vivid contrast there are many machines which do the work of many hundreds. The Mexican is not a believer in the efficacy of machine work when it takes the work from the hands of those who might otherwise earn their few cents daily. One is reminded of the American who told a Mexican that with proper tools he could do twice as much work.
"But," said the Mexican, "I haven't twice as much work to do!"
There are several blessings in disguise which are expected to come out of the present war. One of them is the emancipation of much of the heavy labor which formerly was done by hand so as to keep the entire working population doing something. And machinery will lighten the burdens of many of the men and women who have heavy enough burdens at the best.
American machinery is different from that of other countries. It is lighter, easier handled, and is calculated to add to the comfort of those who use it. It may be that we shall have an enormous demand for our machinery from Europe as soon as the war is over.
The port of Plymouth, the great naval port of England, is now closed to all vessels except those of the Allies. Even neutral vessels have spies about them, and the port is a place of great interest and activity.
Children of New York's East Side are reported starving to death in hundreds because of the high cost of food. But that won't make a single food baron loosen the purse strings until he has to. And they may have to.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS
TODAY.

FEBRUARY 23
Sir George Cave, Home Secretary of State in the new British Cabinet, is 61 years old today. Sir George has been since 1906 an M. P. from a Surrey division when called to the ministry by Lloyd George last December. He was born in London Feb. 23, 1856, and was educated at Oxford. By profession he is a lawyer, of high standing in his calling, and aside from carrying on a large practice he has held diverse posts of a legal nature under the Government, notably that of Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales, to which he was appointed in 1914. He has also edited several treatises on legal subjects.

CHAIRMAN KENNEY COMMENDED
Together With Members of Executive Committee and Ladies Auxiliary, He Was Untiring Worker.
With the field day exercises at Fort McIntosh today, the special features of the celebration will come to a close and the eighteenth annual cent of the kind in Laredo will pass into history. That there were some shortcomings in mapping out a continuous program is admitted by the committees, but this was all due to lateness in deciding to have a celebration.
Joseph W. Kenney was appointed chairman of the executive committee and undertook something entirely new to himself, but he worked hard and untiringly with the co-operation of the other members of the committee and ladies auxiliary and what features were pulled off redound in success to the chairman of the executive committee, the soliciting committee, Mrs. J. B. Morton and the ladies of the auxiliary committee to the executive committee. Of course the various committees appointed by the executive committee did their parts, but the bulk of the work fell on the executive committee and its ladies' auxiliary.
When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$\$

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.
I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

LITTLE LOCALS

Large Crowds at Fort McIntosh Witnessing Field Day Exercises by the U. S. Soldiers.

A grand program of interesting military events are being carried out at Fort McIntosh today, participated in by members of the military organizations and containing features that prove of great interest to all who are interested in the work of Uncle Sam's soldiers.

The various maneuvers and exercises pulled off up to noon today were witnessed by large crowds of people assembled about the main parade grounds at Fort McIntosh. The program will continue throughout this afternoon.

A heavy could in the night that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S KIDNEY CURE. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

GETTING READY FOR DEPARTURE

Detachments of Second Florida Infantry Returning From Patrol Duty; Leave Here March 9.

The Second Florida Regiment detachments which have been on patrol duty at points along the Rio Grande in both directions from Laredo are returning to their station here preparatory to arranging for their departure for their home state on March 9.

On Wednesday some of the Florida boys returned to Laredo, more came in yesterday and another large detachment is expected here today or tomorrow. They have been relieved by two battalions of the Ninth Infantry and one troop of the Fourteenth Cavalry, which were dispatched to the several patrol camps to relieve the national guardsmen.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.	
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.	Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.	
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:15 and arrives at 3:05 p. m.	

I. & G. N. Night Train.	
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.	

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.	
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.	Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

It's usually a sign of sick kidneys, especially if the kidney action is disordered, passages scanty or too frequent. Don't wait for more serious troubles. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Laredo testimony.

Valente Gutierrez, 401 Turbide St., Laredo, says: "I complained for years of my kidneys and used all kinds of medicines without help. Four or five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, however, procured from the City Drug Co., made a lasting cure of the trouble. My back has never pained me since and I can bend or lift without any trouble. My kidneys now never get out of order."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply as for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. Gutierrez. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved
Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all druggists, 25c.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION HELD IN LAREDO YESTERDAY GRAND SUCCESS

PARADES FORENOON AND AFTERNOON WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ASSEMBLED ALONG THE ROUTES

Civic Parade Was One of the Grandest Ever Witnessed Here and the Long Line of Floats and Other Decorated Apparatus Elicited Praise.

The eighteenth annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in Laredo this year was carried out with festivities that made the program one continuous round of pleasure for the people of Laredo and the several thousand visitors who came in on the excursion trains on Wednesday and yesterday, in addition to those who arrived as early as Tuesday. As a consequence the number of visitors this year is safely estimated at seven thousand people, while many came from nearby towns yesterday in private conveyances to witness the grand parades and incidental features of the program. Laredo, with its elaborate illumination by night and lavish decoration of flags and bunting by day, presented a patriotic appearance that was in full justice to the memorable day commemorated and everybody appeared possessed of the proper spirit to make the day one of genuine amusement and pleasure from early morn until late at night.

On Wednesday night the entertainment features preceding the ushering in of the banner day of the celebration consisted of carnival features and band concerts, and while thousands of citizens and visitors thronged the carnival grounds and filled every show tent there, the attendance at the band concert on Martin Plaza by the Ninth Infantry Band and on Jarvis Plaza, where the Second Florida Infantry Band held forth, taxed both of those pleasure resorts to their full capacities and standing room at time on both plazas was at a premium. At the plazas and the carnival grounds the crowds were jolly, jostling ones, possessed of the holiday spirit and out for a good time, but with it all, were orderly and no disturbance occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening.

Thursday, the 22d of February, and the banner day of the celebration, was ushered in under most auspicious conditions, the day dawning most favorably and being one of those ideal spring days that makes one feel like getting out and going, though toward the middle of the day the mercury soared considerably and the day eventually became akin to one of those conditions likened to the good old summertime, but even then it was not extremely warm.

The daybreak salute fired at Fort McIntosh in honor of the ushering in of Washington's Birthday was the first number on the program, and following this, beginning at 8 o'clock, there were band concerts and the throng of people, who were early up and on the go, gathered about the hotels, rooming houses, etc., and finally began to wend their way toward the city. At 9:30 Flores Avenue, extending from Hidalgo to Lincoln street, and along the sidewalk and in front of the city hall, was a mass of humanity eager to witness the pantomime ceremony coincident with the "Last Council Fire" and the presentation of the keys of the city to Pocahontas, but this ceremony of necessity was minimized to the mere presentation of the key in an unceremonious manner, the presentation being made by Joseph Netzer. Pocahontas, accompanied by her maids of honor, Grand Marshal Delling and a number of Indians, received the key and departed.

At 10:00 o'clock the grand military parade took place and traversed the principal thoroughfares of the city. But for the war department order recalling the two regiments of national guard which were stationed here and the necessity of sending regulars out to take their place in doing river patrol work, this military feature of the program would have been participated in by at least 3,000 more soldiers, but the Fourth Missouri had departed, the Second Florida was returning to Laredo to go home, and the Ninth Infantry had to furnish nine companies to do patrol work at points on the Rio Grande, all these tending to decrease the number of men and equipment available for the military parade. But even then, the pageant was one that attracted undivided interest and many gazed with a feeling of supreme pride at the fine appearance made by the soldier boys of Uncle Sam's fighting force. Headed by the police escort, the military parade was composed of the following organizations:

Second Florida Infantry Band.
Colonel Alonzo Gray, commander of Fort McIntosh.
Battalion of the Ninth Infantry and officers.
Third Squadron of Fourteenth Cavalry.
Company C, First Engineers, headed by officers.
Field Hospital and Ambulance companies, with personnel of officers, men and nurses.
Ninth Infantry Band.
Batteries E and F, Third Field Artillery, headed by officers and men with full equipment.
Motorcycle company with full equipment.
Wagon trains.
Civic Parade in Afternoon.
At three o'clock yesterday afternoon took place the grand civic parade and Laredo again demonstrated to the thousands of visitors that when it comes to pulling off the annual street pageant coincident with the Washington Birthday Celebration, this city is far ahead of all others. If there were shortcomings in other features of the celebration program, Laredo certainly redeemed herself in the civic parade, for the many beautiful historical, allegorical, agricultural, pastoral, typical and other floats, trades displays, decorated automobiles, comic features, school and civic organizations marching and other features made up for what was otherwise short in the days program. The one qualifying word which emanated from many who say the grand street pageant was "grand," and for its success the executive committee of the celebration, headed by Chairman J. W. Kenney, and the ladies auxiliary, headed by Mrs. J. B. Morton, deserve unstinted praise, for these two worked in a most indefatigable manner to make it the success that it proved. A long, winding line, it traversed the principal streets of Laredo, and along the route in all portions of the city there was a great throng of people lined on both sides of the street—in fact, it is estimated that fully 30,000 people stood in line to see the grand pageant pass in the following order:

Pocahontas and maids, mounted, accompanied by Grand Marshal M. G. Delling.
City Marshal Brennan and mounted police force.
Ninth U. S. Infantry Band.
Official automobiles, with military escort.
Float of Queen of the Celebration.
Butterfly float.
Pastors float.
Scholastic float.
Washington at Valley Forge float.
Spirit of '76 float.
Fort McIntosh float.
Spanish Garden float.
Red Cross float.
Red Cross float.
Agriculture (some onion) float.
Denia O'Brien, Portico Bridge float.
U. S. Engineers.
Battery E, Third Field Artillery float, with officers and men in dress uniform and with cannon.
Battery F, same as Battery E.
Fire Department, with members in uniform accompanying the several pieces of fire apparatus.
Jinrikisha float of Misses Sauvignat and Hamilton.
Members of Laredo Club of A. & M., composed of M. R. Wormser, A. F. Muller, L. C. Becker, E. J. Biskamp, S. C. Mann and E. H. Mullally in a decorated auto.
Second Florida Infantry Band.
Holding Institute Decorated Auto.
Twelve decorated autos.
M. Joseph butterfly trades display.
About 200 mounted cowboys from Webb County ranches.
Decorated bicycle.
Boy Scouts marching.
Carnival company display with Carnival Band.
Comic display—India on burro.
Buster Brown and Tige, trades display.
Twenty decorated Ford autos, representing Chauffeur's Union.
Mexican Band.
Trades displays of Pedro Treviño & Co., Consumers Ice & Fuel Co., Dubin, La Prensa, Mucio Puentes, Magnolia Oil Co., Schwartzman Furniture Co., One Price Department Store, L. R. Martinez, I. Montes.
Mexican Band.
Bricklayers Union members walking.
Carpenters Union members walking.
Painters Union members walking.
Plumbers Union members walking.
Barbers Union members walking.
Hidalgo Society with decorated automobile.
Society of Obreros.
Eleven of the gorgeous floats in the civic parade, constructed under contract with the executive committee were some of the most beautiful ever seen in this state, depicting scenes of an allegorical, historical, horticultural and typical life nature, and were the following:

Celebration Queen's Float—Queen Titania in a jeweled shell and boat, drawn by a team of snow swans. The shell and boat is depicted floating on the crest of a lily pond and is gorgeously decorated over entire body and on sides. Seated in the shell were Miss Eva Austin, queen of the celebration; Misses Myrtle Mackin and Lillian Westbrook, fairies; Little Lois Derby, Anna May Mussett, Marjorie Fish and Dorothy Morton, elves.
Queen of the Butterflies Float—Depicts the queen sitting on a golden throne on a chariot, and drawn by golden steeds, she rides over blossoms and moss, where varicolored butterflies of many shades are shown clinging with fluttering wings to rocks and vines. The queen of the butterflies occupying the throne was Miss Irene Leyendecker, while the daintily gownned and winged butterflies were Misses Polly Yates, Elsie Werner, Esther Penn, Kathryn Crutchfield, Merrell Lake and Eva Scratchley.
Pastoral Float—The Queen of the Shepherds from a pink and golden shell is shown viewing her flock upon the green and golden rocks, where golden columns and vines form a bower over her. The queen of the shepherds was Miss Maxine Taylor, while the shepherdesses were Misses Olivia Schultz, Miriam Werner, Ruth

Scratchley, Ollie Yates and Irene Moser.
Scholastic Float—This float reflects the Grecian period, showing the Temple of Knowledge. Greek and Persian in spirit, the float depicted the fountain of learning in sculpture and architecture. The Preceptress was Miss Veda Bunn, while the students were represented by Misses Olivette Landrum, Gladys O'Brien, Marian Gray and Rowena Loftus.
Washington at Valley Forge Float—Depicts the period wherein Washington and his army suffered the greatest hardships, the picture showing Washington and his officers seeking shelter behind a cliff coated with glistening snow and ice. Wilmer Thredgill represented Washington.
The Spirit of '76 Float—The float depicts the mettle of those men in the van of the Continental army, with Washington as their leader, stirring them on to battle. The float also depicts riders of that period similar in daring to Paul Revere and Israel Putnam.
Fort McIntosh Float—Shows a reproduction of an old fort with a cannon projecting, also parapet, etc., in gray and black. The float shows American flags floating from the flagstaff and above a tent, and a sentry patrolling.
Spanish Garden Float—Depicted a unique Spanish garden trellised and of semi-tropical appearance, displaying palms, vines, clusters of grapes, flowers, etc. "Wine, woman and song" was the prevailing theme.
Co. C, First U. S. Engineers, had a pontoon bridge float, while Batteries E and F, Third Field Artillery, each had an appropriate "battery" float in the line of floats. A Red Cross ambulance also represented that laudable organization as a float, carrying Red Cross nurses.
Red Cross Float—Large white float with Miss Belle Westbrook standing on throne representing Columbia and reclining on each side of the throne were four Red Cross Nurses in uniform, these being Mrs. E. J. Foster and Misses Ollie and Alice Gray and Ethel Mackin.
Jinrikisha float—This was a unique and pretty Japanese float drawn by men representing Japanese and seated in the jinrikisha were Misses Josephine Sauvignat and Aline Hamilton.
Night Parade of Autos.
At eight o'clock last night a grand automobile parade, consisting of about twenty-five cars, most of them decorated, paraded the streets in a long line with illuminated Japanese lanterns and sparklers blazing the way through the city. A slight blaze, caused from the fireworks, ignited some of the decorations, started on one of the cars, but the chemical nature of the fire department, which was in the procession, dashed to the rescue and extinguished the blaze before any damage was done to the car or the occupants. This precaution had been taken by Chief Siggo of the fire department and shows his foresight in emergencies.
Band Concerts and Carnival.
Last night Jarvis Plaza, where the Ninth Infantry Band was providing a concert, and Martin Plaza, where the music was furnished by the Second Florida Band, were thronged with people to hear the selections rendered by these popular musical organizations. Special programs had been arranged for the occasion and the music was much enjoyed. The carnival grounds were thronged with people, and at times it was practically impossible to penetrate into the center of the showplace so dense was the mass of humanity there. Here, with the great number of people going about the grounds, packing the various tents or riding on the several devices perfect order prevailed and everybody appeared possessed of the spirit that is dominant in Laredo on Washington's Birthday Anniversary.

PROMINENT NEWSPAPER MEN
Were Among the Many Visitors in Laredo for Celebration and Had Delightful Time Here.
Among the many visitors in Laredo to witness the celebration of Washington's Birthday were several prominent newspaper men, among these being John F. Lubben, general manager of the Galveston News, and Fred B. Robinson, vice-president of the Waco Times-Herald.
R. W. Purdon, staff correspondent of the San Antonio Express, and E. T. Merriman, formerly of the Corpus Christi Caller, were also here. The members of the Fourth Estate were all loud in their praise of the celebration features, and especially the parades.

THAT JAR OF MUSTEROLE ON THE BATH-ROOM SHELF
Has Relieved Pain for Every One in the Family
When little Susie had the croup; when Johnny got his feet wet and caught cold; when father sprained his knee; when granny's rheumatism bothered her—That jar of Musterole was right there to give relief and comfort. Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It will not blister like a mustard plaster. Quick relief for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bitten feet, colds on the chest (it often prevents pneumonia). Try Musterole for croupy children.



SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their regular Bible Study at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Dinner Dance at the Ninth Infantry Club in the evening.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. L. H. Wharton at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Childrens Choral Club, assisted by the pupils of Mrs. Ward's Preparatory school will entertain with a concert at Elks Hall at half after four o'clock in the afternoon.

Dance at the Latin-American Club at half after eight o'clock in the evening.

Wednesday.

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Parish Guild will meet at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook in the afternoon.

The Girl of the Golden West.

"On her cheek an autumn flush,
Deeply ripened—such a blush
In the midst of brown was born,
Like red popples grown with corn.

"Round her eyes her tresses fell,
Which were blackest none could tell
But long lashes w'd a light
That had also been all too bright.

"And her hat, with shady brim,
Made her tressy forehead dim."
—Thomas Hood.

General Mention.

Mrs. Frank Benavides and children and Miss C. Arocha of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Sauvignat. Mrs. Benavides is a sister of Mrs. Sauvignat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kutz have opened house at No. 1709 Matamoros street.

Rev. W. M. Russell, who conducted the services at the Christian church here last Sunday left yesterday for his home at Harlingen, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Herrera and baby of Dolores, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wiggins returned home from Monterey on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Stowers returned this morning from San Antonio, where they went to attend the funeral of the late C. A. Stowers of that city.

Mrs. L. F. Wiggins of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wiggins. Mrs. Wiggins will remain until after the celebration.

Mrs. C. Perron and children of San Antonio arrived in Laredo yesterday to remain during the celebration and are guests at the home of Mrs. William Simpson, 1919 Matamoros street.

Col. and Mrs. H. J. Slocum left this afternoon for San Antonio to spend a day.

Mrs. Charles A. Zilker of San Antonio arrived this afternoon to be the guest of Mr. A. C. Hamilton for a few days.

Mrs. Virginia B. Moon, one of the most prominent historical characters of the city, arrived this afternoon to be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Hal W. Greer and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton. Miss Moon was prominent in her services during the "war between the states," and was at one time imprisoned at Fort Monroe for four months. She also has been a writer of note and has contributed much to the magazine world.

Announcements.

There will be a called meeting of the Woman's Club, Monday afternoon, March fifth, Hotel Hamilton, to elect new members, consider amendments to the constitution, and transact new business.

Entertainments.

Capt. and Mrs. Reuben Smith entertained with a delightfully informal buffet supper on Sunday evening in honor of their guest, Lieut. Dave Prindle of Minneapolis, Minn. Those to enjoy the gracious hospitality of the evening were: Capt. and Mrs. Warren, Capt. and Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Gilbreath, Capt. and Mrs. Loeb, Misses Forsythe, Austin, Alice and Olive Gray, Ruckman, Lieuts. Herr, Gill, Woodruff, Carr, Whitley, Prindle, Capt. Lister and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Rawson Warren entertained with a beautifully appointed luncheon yesterday afternoon at one o'clock in honor of her house guest, Miss Dorothy Forsythe of Fort Sam Houston. The table was centrally adorned with a silver vase filled with pink roses, resting on a bed of pink tulle. Dainty place cards of Japanese design marked the places of the guests. A five-course luncheon was served to Mesdames Davidson, Freer, Humphries, Hunt, Ferenbaugh, Misses Dorothy Forsythe, Alice and Olive

Gray, Marjorie Ruckman and the hostess.

Major Nugent entertained last evening with a box party at the Royal theater, followed by supper at the Ninth Infantry Club. The personnel included: General and Mrs. Ruckman, Col. and Mrs. Durfee, Col. and Mrs. Gray, Major and Mrs. Rocknaback, Capt. and Mrs. Hearn, Capt. and Mrs. Kinney, Misses Ruckman, Col. McNealy, Col. Hanley, Major Cubbage, Major McDonald, Major Stepp, Major Kirby, Capt. Schramm and the host.

Mrs. John Carter Marshall was the honor guest of a charmingly appointed bridge party yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Vidales and the Misses Pierce as hostesses. The rooms were attractively arranged for the occasion. Potted ferns and English ivy were used in the decorations, while the Washington motif was featured in all the appointments. The rooms were illuminated with red, white and blue incandescent lights; the talleys, in the form of little hatchets were used to mark the scores. Mrs. Younklin scored high and won the first prize, a dresser scarf with handsome tatting medallions on the edge. Mrs. Wager won the second prize a dresser scarf with crocheted edge. Mrs. Freer was awarded low score, an embroidered tray cloth. The honor guest was presented with a lovely crepe-de-chine collar, ornamented with tatting medallions. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Marshall sang very delightfully, after which a three-course luncheon was served. The table favors were small hatchets and guns. Little Misses Marjorie Lou Fish and Dorothy Derby, dressed in colonial costume, gracefully assisted the hostesses. Those to enjoy the hospitality of the afternoon were: Mesdames Austin, Avery, Baker, Biggie, Brennan, Brewster, Buenz, Christen, Cluck, John Davis, Davidson, Dent, Diaz, G. Derby, A. E. Derby, J. B. DaCamara, H. G. DaCamara, Fish, Foster, Freer, Garlick, Greer, Hall, Halsell, Hamilton, Hearne, Hill, Huberich, Hutton, Joseph, Johnson, Barker, Kenedy, Kinney, Lafon, Leyendecker, Lowry, Lang, Loeb, Lusk, J. Martin, Mally, Marshall, McComb, MacGregor, McCulloch, Morton, Mims, Muller, Justo Penn, Ryan, Sauvignat, Shiner, Smith, Shelby, Tutweller, Vidaurri, Wilson, Withoff, Wormser, Wager, Weber, Woodman, Younklin, Taylor, T. A. Leyendecker, Misses Amar Penn, Frances Alexander, Gray, Maude McKnight and Belle Westbrook.

Woman's Club.

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Club was held yesterday at the Hotel Hamilton, the president, Mrs. David F. Anderson, presiding. Routine business was disposed of before the program was entered into. The treasurer's report was most interesting, and showed most of the members paid up to date. Withers finding it difficult to communicate with the treasurer, Mrs. Puster, are asked to leave their dues with Miss Nelson, the librarian. Mrs. Hopkins, chairman of the library committee, reported the purchase of 23 new books of fiction. On motion the committee was authorized to purchase regularly each month, \$5 worth of books for the library. Mrs. Lobdell, chairman of nominating committee, presented her report, and the following officers were unanimously elected to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. David F. Anderson; first vice president, Mrs. C. S. McKinney; second vice president, Mrs. Sam Mackin; secretary, Mrs. H. M. Austin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. MacDonald; treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Puster. Mrs. Lobdell, leader for the afternoon study, opened the program and made a most interesting talk, and conducted a Round Table on the topic "Education." Mrs. David Anderson read an interesting article on the "Influence of Music on Education." Mrs. Hopkins spoke on the "Influence of Civics on Education." Mrs. Hopkins on the "Influence of the State Federation, and the loans made to ambitious students at a low rate of interest, and some of the rules governing the same. Mrs. Lobdell closed her program with a fine talk on the "Compulsory Education Law" in Texas. An informal discussion followed, closing a profitable and interesting afternoon.

CALIFORNIA ORANGE SHOW.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 29.—Many visitors were in San Bernardino today for the opening of the seventh National Orange Show. The exhibition this year is considered the most remarkable display of citrus fruits in the history of California. Every orange-growing county of the State is represented by exhibits. The show will continue through the week and will be attended by numerous features of entertainment arranged for the visitors.

NEW YORK'S DOG SHOW.

New York, Feb. 29.—With an entry list exceeding by several hundred the highest record established at previous shows, the forty-first annual exhibition of the West-minster Kennel Club opened for a week's engagement today at Madison Square Garden. The show also contains a greater variety of breeds than were ever shown here in the past. The benches contain exhibits from all sections of the United States and Canada.

BUSINESS MEN HEAR PATRIOTIC PLEAS.

New York, Feb. 29.—To give the business and professional men of New York an opportunity to express their patriotic earnestness and willingness to support the President in any international crisis, the members' council of the Merchants' Association of this city held a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Astor today. The speakers included Mayor John P. Mitchell, Martin W. Littleton, and United States senator-elect William M. Calder.

FRENCH GENERAL AT ITALIAN FRONT



General Gouraud of the French staff and King Victor Emmanuel on the Italian front. The king is pointing out an Austrian position.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Webb County, on the 9th day of January, 1917, by the District Clerk of said District Court of Webb County, Texas, for the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars and Ninety-six Cents (\$492.96), and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4165 and styled Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., vs. Mrs. Ida Muller et al., placed in my hands for service, I Antonio Salinas as Sheriff of Webb County, Texas, did on the 16th day of January, 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Webb County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block No. 306; all of Block No. 345, Lot No. 2 in Block No. 322; all of Blocks Nos. 933, 938, 939, 940, 941; Lots Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8, in Block No. 942; Lots Nos. 4, 5 and 6 in Block No. 943; all of Block Nos. 875, 976, 977, 979, 980, 981, 982, 984, 985, 1019 and 1021, all situated in the Western Division of said City of Laredo, Webb Co., Texas, and all of Blocks Nos. 126, 130, 178, 422, 423, 424, 425, 427, 429 and 438 all in the Eastern Division of said City, levied on as the property of Mrs. Ida Muller.

Also all of Blocks Nos. 432, 434, 445, 446, 447, 448, 443, 442, 441, 440, 439 and 444. All situated in the Eastern Division of the said City, levied on as the property of R. L. Muller, and levied upon as the property of Mrs. Ida Muller and R. L. Muller and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1917, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Webb County, in the City of Laredo, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Ida Muller and R. L. Muller.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Laredo Daily Times, a newspaper published in Webb County.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of February, 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$\$

AMERICAN AMBULANCE FOR RUSSIA



France is not the only gainer by American generosity, but Russia also comes in for her share. An American ambulance division has been sent to Russia and has gained great praise for its valiant and efficient service. The photograph shows one of the American ambulances that has been chosen by the Grand Duchess Tatiana, daughter of the czar, for her own and is here seen in actual service in the Carpathians.

TWO GERMANS ARRESTED FOR SETTING ON FOOT MILITARY ENTERPRISE TO ENGLAND

Alleged that Two Men Hired and Sent Agents to Great Britain to Get Plans of Great Military Importance—May be Tried Under the New Law which Has Lately Been Passed by Congress.

GENERAL FUNSTON DIED LAST NIGHT

NOTED FIGURE IN MILITARY AFFAIRS OF THE NATION PASSED AWAY VERY SUDDENLY.

By Associated Press.
San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 29.—Major Gen. Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department, United States Army, died suddenly last night at a hotel where he had collapsed after reaching there with a party of friends. Physicians said death was due to arterio-sclerosis, and that the immediate cause was acute indigestion.

Burial at San Francisco.
San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 29.—The body of Major General Funston, who died here suddenly last night, will be taken to San Francisco tonight for burial. A short service will be held at Fort Sam Houston this afternoon. The body will be accompanied by Captain Fitzhugh Lee, Gen. Funston's aide, and a guard of six enlisted men. Mrs. Funston, at her home in San Francisco, requested that the body be sent there for burial.

The body will lie in state at the historic Alamo from 4:30 until night, and then will leave for San Francisco. The military funeral will be held there Saturday, and the grave will be in the Presidio cemetery beside the oldest son, Arthur McArthur Funston.

Gen. Funston had a varied career, beginning as a newspaper reporter soon after his graduation from a Kansas college. Later he became a railway conductor. After touring through Alaska, fighting in the ranks of the Cuban army under Gen. Gomez and volunteering for service during the Spanish-American war in 1898, Gen. Funston became colonel of the Twentieth Kansas Infantry, and as such demonstrated his ability as a military man. His capture of Aguinaldo practically put an end to the Filipino insurrection and he received his promotion to regular army soon afterward. He demonstrated his capacity for administration while in command at San Francisco during the disaster in April, 1906, and later when he was in command of the troops in Vera Cruz, where he received his promotion to the rank of major general. During the most trying times of the past few years, he has been in command of the Mexican border patrol, and much of the success of the patrol has been due to his able command of affairs. One of the smallest men in the army, being barely 5 feet 5 inches in height, and weighing 120 pounds, he withstood hardships that exhausted more sturdy men, although he was also a cripple from the effects of a wound which he received in the war for Cuban independence.

IS HERE TAKING TESTIMONY.
Representative of Comptroller's Department in Laredo Investigating Saloon Law Violations.

R. B. Humphrey, attorney in charge of the liquor law enforcement in the comptroller's department at Austin, is in the city directing the trials of charges against a number of Laredo saloon men before Asher R. Smith, commissioner appointed by the comptroller to take testimony in the cases against the saloon-keepers. The charges which are now being investigated relate to the violation of the Sunday law and also the 9:30 closing law.

CONVENTION OF MERCHANTS.
Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 29.—The opening here today of the annual convention of the Retail Grocers and General Merchants' Association of Michigan was marked by a large and representative attendance. The convention sessions will continue several days and will be devoted to the consideration of numerous problems of importance to the retail trade.

HOTEL HAMILTON

EUROPEAN EXCELLENT CAFE POPULAR PRICES

Mexican Dinner served each Wednesday evening, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

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By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 29.—Charged with feloniously setting on foot a military enterprise against Great Britain and Ireland for the benefit of Germany, two men, described as Albert A. Sander and Charles W. Wunnenberg, are under arrest awaiting arraignment before the United States commissioner. They are alleged to have hired and sent men to Great Britain to get plans of military importance.

Wants Clear Definition.
London, Feb. 29.—American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding the submarine warfare, according to a Reuter's despatch.

Sailed for New York.
London, Feb. 29.—The French line steamship La Touraine left Bordeaux this afternoon for New York, according to a cablegram.

Newfoundland Schooners Sunk.
London, Feb. 29.—The Newfoundland schooners Mayola and Dorothy have been sunk, Lloyds reports.

CARRANZA TO TAKE OVER THE IDLE MINES

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FILED REASONS FOR DELAYING TO RESUME WORK WILL LOSE.
By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 29.—All mines in Mexico not now operating and whose owners have not filed reasons why the resumption of work has been delayed will be taken by the Carranza government, Ambassador Fletcher reports. It is said that only the small mines have not filed reasons.

PASS ESPIONAGE BILL.
By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 29.—An espionage bill, providing severe penalties for spying on national defense matters and punishing conspiracies to violate American neutrality was passed by a vote of 60 to 10.

ON INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 29.—Scores of delegates are arriving in this city to attend the tenth annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, the sessions of which will begin tomorrow and continue through the remainder of the week. The delegates come from every section of the country and include prominent manufacturers, educators, economists, leaders of organized labor and other men and women who are vitally interested in the country's welfare.

Interest in the convention will center largely around the State-wide survey which Indiana has completed recently, and which will go down in history as the first State to make a complete vocational survey for the purpose of increasing the productive efficiency of its Commonwealth.

Another important feature of the sessions will be a conference of employment managers. The participants in the conference will include some of the best known of American business men, together with numerous educators and scientific management experts. The topics to be discussed will include: The new profession of handling men, authority which should be given the employment manager, methods of determining the cost of the labor turnover, employment department from the viewpoint of the employee, and the new order in business which demands and brings into focus the study of employment problems.

Joseph Frances Kelly.
Joseph Frances Kelly, aged 33 years, died at 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his father, Patrick Kelly, 1406 Grayson Street. He was a native of Detroit, Mich., and had lived in San Antonio about twelve years. The decedent is survived by one brother, Maurice Kelly of New York, and four sisters, Mrs. T. J. Guernsey of Laredo, Mrs. F. G. Butler of El Paso and Misses Grace and Annie Kelly of San Antonio. Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending the arrival of relatives.—S. A. Express, Feb. 18.

STARVING WOMEN STORM CITY HALL

DEMAND BREAD AND LEADER WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS WHEN REFUSED.

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 29.—Unable to meet the advancing price of food, several hundred women from the tenement district today stormed the city hall, crying: "We want bread!" Many carried babies. It required policemen to restore order. Mrs. Ida Harris, president of the Mother's Vigilant League, the leader of the crowd, said: "We demand help from the mayor and won't be responsible for what happens if we don't get it." She was told that the mayor was not in his office, but that a meeting would be arranged later.

PORTO RICO BILL.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 29.—The Porto Rican citizenship and civil government bill was passed by the senate without a roll call. It had already passed the house.

TO STOP CAR SHORTAGE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 29.—The Esh car shortage bill, giving the interstate commerce commission authority to make any reasonable directions to suspend all car service rules and make any reasonable directions to meet the situation, today by the reported to the house today by the interstate commerce committee.

TO USE ARMED FORCES.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 29.—Secretary Lansing today urged the senate judiciary committee to press the bill authorizing President Wilson to use the armed forces of the United States to enforce its neutrality obligations, particularly with reference to belligerent armed vessels interned in United States ports which might seek to escape.

CARNIVAL AT BILOXI

Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 29.—Biloxi's annual Mardi Gras celebration officially opened today with the arrival of King Argus VI, who was escorted into the harbor by a large fleet of gayly-dressed vessels. Following his landing the king viewed his capital in a street parade, in which numerous military, civic and social organizations took part. The program for the remainder of the day and evening provided for a wide variety of popular festivities.

DIXIE DINNER IN GOTHAM.

New York, Feb. 29.—More than the usual elaborate preparations are being made for the annual Dixie dinner and dance, to be given tomorrow night in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor. The function is an annual event with members of the Southern Society in New York. At the dinner the members and their guests will be grouped according to States. The dancing will be opened by a grand march at which the favors to be distributed will be toy balloons for the women and sashes for the men.

LUMBERMEN MEET AT MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 29.—Conservation, modern merchandising, and scientific methods of advertising head the list of topics scheduled for discussion at the annual convention of the Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, which met in Milwaukee today for a three-day session. The convention is attended by prominent representatives of the retail lumber trade from all sections of the State.

Celebration Ball Games.

Teams of the Laredo Winter League of Baseball Clubs will play two games of baseball beginning at 3 o'clock each afternoon at Caliche Park. The first game will be played tomorrow afternoon and the second game on Saturday afternoon. The best material from teams located at Fort McIntosh, the Ninth Infantry Camp and the Third Field Artillery will be pitted against a nine picked from the best players comprising the Laredo and Nationals teams.

Tomorrow the people of this country celebrate the birthday of the man whose name means more to Americans, more to the world as a model American, than any other.

Accused by some during his lifetime of being an aristocrat, George Washington proved himself the first democrat of the country, and his teachings all tend toward the destruction of all caste worship and the elevation in its stead of reverence for true worth and honesty.

Born in Virginia of a family in easy circumstances, Washington has been often spoken of as being descended from an illustrious English family, although the best authorities have not been able to trace his ancestry farther back than his great-grandfather, who settled in Virginia in 1657.

The attempts to reduce the rights of the colonists and to restrict their liberty naturally aroused the opposition of a man who from his earliest days had worked as a surveyor and had suffered the hardships of frontier life while engaged in earning his living.

At nineteen years of age he adjutant of the Virginia troops, Washington was schooled in the rude campaigns of those days, and he learned the lessons of war as taught by the enemies of the colonists, the savage Indians.

Gaining a competence by his labors he settled down after the end of the French and Indian wars to the comfortable life of a planter, and as a member of the House of Burgesses he gained the confidence of his associates.

Elected a delegate to the Continental Congress, during its second session he was unanimously elected commander-in-chief of the armies fighting for American liberty, and at the close of the conflict which resulted in victory for the American arms, Washington was elected the first president of the United States, being re-elected at the close of his first term.

A true representative of the people, having risen from the people and being devoted to their interests, Washington was perhaps the most typical man who could have been chosen as leader—military and civic. His wealth united him to those who still held to the traditions of the English aristocracy, while the fact that he hewed the greater part of his fortune out of the wilderness endeared him to those who had no traditions of gentle birth.

A "gentleman" in the strictest sense of the word, Washington was gentle in manner and speech, and although a slave owner he never was the autocrat in the sense that others of his day and age were. He was kind for the kind treatment of his slaves, and manumitted most of them before his death.

Not an eloquent man to prepare and deliver a speech, his addresses were marked by a soundness of sense and brevity of expression that set well from the model for the future of this day. His ideas were fully expressed and many of the passionate orators of his day made an impression upon their audiences and did Washington.

His early education was defective, according to our present day standards, and while he became a sound mathematician, it was more by his own efforts than by those of his first teachers. Yet by dint of study and much reading Washington became the equal in education of most of his contemporaries, even though he knew little of the classics.

Patriot, soldier, statesman, Washington's self-chosen motto would doubtless have been "Civis sum." For of all his dignities he held highest that of being a citizen of the great nation he was foremost in establishing and his last public words urged the people to remain free from entanglements which might render their citizenship of the United States of less value.

To the immortal Washington, a toast: May the years never lessen the glory of your name, which is the glory of the Americas!

A CITIZEN SOLDIER.

In every crisis of our affairs we have always received the aid of the citizens who, though untrained in the art of war, have demonstrated a capacity for military command superior to that of some of the schooled soldiers.

Such a man was Nelson A. Miles, who left the counter of a country store in 1861, to become a major general of volunteers before the war was ended, and who became one of our most noted fighters, even though he was shelved through political influence in our war with Spain.

One of the citizen soldiers whose career has been an inspiration to the young men with martial aspirations, has just died at the very zenith of his career. Only fifty years of age, he could have looked forward to more than a decade of active usefulness, and had it not been for the sudden end to his career, he might have become as distinguished as some of our other Cincinnati.

Of slender build, of slight stature, of physique the reverse of rugged, Fred Funston had gone through hardships that would have killed many more sturdy men, and he came through it all unscathed, save for a bullet wound that caused him to limp slightly.

When others of his acquaintance were studying how to get a raise of wages, Funston was seeking how to enter on the path of adventure which seemed denied to one who was under-sized and without means.

He underwent hardships in Alaska that were almost inconceivable. He offered his services to the Cuban insurgents when there seemed little hope of their ultimate success and none at all of American intervention.

crut a Kansas regiment, and was chosen its colonel at the outbreak of the war.

Funston's regiment was "in the front of most of the early fighting which followed Aguinaldo's attack on the American troops, and the little narrow-gauge railway which ran a short distance out of Manila was nicknamed the "Kansas Short-Line," because his men rebuilt it, reconstructed the engines and other rolling stock and then guarded it against recapture by the Filipinos.

The sensational story about his swimming the Bag-Bag river with a line in his teeth was sincerely condemned by the plucky little fighter, as he never could give his support to falsehoods, and he was very modest concerning his own achievements.

What brought him most into the limelight and will always be considered one of the greatest feats accomplished by an American army officer was his capture of Aguinaldo. Accompanied by only a few white men, one of whom was a Spaniard who had been serving in Aguinaldo's ranks, and a number of plucky native scouts, he invaded the stronghold guarded by several thousand fanatical Filipinos and took Aguinaldo from under their very eyes.

This caused his promotion to the rank of brigadier general of volunteers, from which he was later appointed brigadier general of the regular establishment, receiving his latest promotion while he was in command of the troops at Vera Cruz during our occupation of that city.

Quiet, unassuming, brave, yet not foolhardy, Fred Funston was the ideal of the citizen soldier. He demonstrated that even a poor physique is not an obstacle to military advancement. He was not of the swashbuckling type, and it is probable that he would have been picked out as one of the mildest men that ever wore a uniform.

But his indomitable will, his determination to become a soldier, although no recruiting officer would have passed him, and his perseverance in the face of almost insuperable obstacles took him very nearly to the top of the ladder. Perhaps only the hard work which he insisted upon doing for the past year or more was responsible for his final failure when near his goal. Peace to his ashes!

If you have a mine in Mexico and have not been working it of late, you must file your reasons for such action, or else Carranza will take the mine over and you will lose it. It sounds reasonable; if we had a mine over there, we'd give him a quitclaim deed to it.

New York women stormed the city hall, demanding bread, and one of them said they would not be responsible for what happened if they did not get it. The mayor said they were poor people and they should go and work.

Mr. Penfield now asks Austria-Hungary to give a clear and final definition of her attitude regarding the submarine warfare. That's easy, son; just tell him: "Uncle Wilhelm won't let me have an opinion of my own."

We have been very careless of what other people did to us, but just now we are worrying over what the Germans are trying to do to Great Britain. Why not worry over what they are trying to do to us? That's a heap nearer home.

Prize Committee of the Celebration Announces Its List of Prizes Offered for Tomorrow.

The prize committee of the Washington Celebration requests The Times to announce the following as the prizes to be awarded for the different tournaments tomorrow, the list being furnished by Chairman Seaman and J. E. Trout, members of the committee.

Decorated Automobiles—1st prize, 8-day auto clock—Laredo Auto Sales Co.; 2nd, inner tube—Wormer Bros.; 3rd, tool box—Texas Auto Co.; 4th, silver toilet set—Refugio Drugstore; 5th, thermos bottle—A. Deutz & Bro.

Horse Drawn Vehicles—1st prize, zarape—Sonora News Co.; 2nd, cut glass vase—L. Daiches; 3rd, china tea set—Botica del Pueblo; 4th, ladies silk waist—Richter; 5th, electric iron—Ferretera del Bravo.

Comic Features—1st prize, child's suit—M. Vizcaya Sierra; 2nd, child's shoes—Richter; 3rd, child's shoes—Llaguno.

Cowboys—1st prize, Stetson hat—Richter; 2nd, pair shoes—Vela and Peua; 3rd, carving knife—Central Hardware Store; 4th, \$1.00 barber work—Comet Barber Shop.

Cowgirls—1st prize, ladies hat—Bon Ton; 2nd, ladies shoes—Echols and Edwards; 3rd, ladies skirt—Los Dos Laredos.

Best Appearing Marching Society—1st prize, rocker—H. Dubin; 2nd, picture—Schwartzman.

Best Military Float—1st prize, clock—H. Valdez; 2nd, \$2.00 merchandise—Moser's Store.

Best Appearing Boy Scout—1st prize, \$5.00 coupon book—Consumers Ice and Fuel; 2nd, 2lb. box candy—Laredo Candy Kitchen.

Best Individual Female Feature—1st prize, leather hand bag—S. Vela; 2nd, ladies silk waist—Smallest Dry Goods Store in Laredo.

Best Individual Male Feature—1st prize, Panama hat—Scotch Woolen Mills.

In addition to the above the committee will award fifteen blue ribbon merit prizes.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR THE BIG CELEBRATION

AND MANY VISITORS ARRIVING HERE ON EVERY TRAIN.

Tomorrow Will Witness the Carrying Out of Two Big Parades and Several Other Features.

Yesterday saw the completion of all arrangements for the making of tomorrow the banner day of the celebration—in fact the real day of the big event this year. During the day strings containing myriads of red, white and blue pennants of diminutive size, hundreds of flags and numerous streamers of bunting were put into position in the business district of the city, while the residential part was not neglected, for many patriotic Americans, determined to "show their colors," flaunted the resplendent hues of Old Glory to the breeze or draped the porches of their homes in bunting or artificial material in the form of tri-colored fringe.

Last night the city was brilliantly illuminated by electricity, and, with the galaxy of flags, streamers of bunting and artistic designs the myriads of tri-colored lights provided an iridescent effect that charmed the eye and gave Laredo a genuine patriotic appearance. In some portions of the city, where Mexican-Americans join in the decoration of their places of business, the hues of the flag of Mexico are intermingled with those of the emblem of this country, blending into a design that denote the sentiment prevalent here that exist among the friendly relations that exist among the two races here, and manifested in a strong manner on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington, the first and greatest of Americans and patriots.

The trains arriving in Laredo yesterday afternoon over the I. & G. N. and Texas-Mexican railways brought quite a number of excursionists from San Antonio and intermediate points and Corpus Christi and intermediate points, while the trains from the north this morning and this afternoon had large numbers of excursionists aboard. The Texas-Mexican train due here this afternoon at 3:55 has several hundred persons aboard from Corpus Christi, Alice, San Diego and other points, all coming to remain over tomorrow and take in the big parades and other festivities planned for the banner day of the celebration.

The following is taken from the official program issued by the celebration committee and announces the festivities for tomorrow:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22d. Washington's Birthday. Sunrise. National Salute. 8:00 a. m. Band concerts.

9:30 a. m. Tableau and drama in the hard hat. Market Plaza. The pantomime will be in the Assemblage of Last Council Fire. Dwellings and Red civil and military authorities. Men, attended by Guard of Honor. Yaqui Tribe No. 4. Pocahontas attended by her maids of honor. Mayor will deliver the keys of the city to Pocahontas.

10:00 a. m. Grand Military Parade. Troops of Laredo District will pass in review through the streets of Laredo. 14th Cavalry, 9th U. S. Infantry, 4th Missouri Infantry, 2nd Florida Infantry, with Regimental trains, 1st battalion 3rd U. S. Field Artillery, Hospital Corps, Engineer Corps, trucks, motorcycles, etc. A magnificent military pageant.

22nd. AFTERNOON. 3:00 o'clock. Grand Parade. Magnificently decorated floats, allegorical, patriotic, municipal, military, pastoral, agricultural, industrial, commercial and educational in character. Also floats and features typical of Spanish-American life and customs. Numerous bands playing American and Mexican airs, Cowboys in the garb of the plains, boy scouts, fraternal organizations and unions. Escort of U. S. Cavalry and mounted police. Beautifully decorated automobiles and carriages, burros, ponies, children's display and comic features.

4:30. Special carnival events. Special music for the occasion. 22nd. NIGHT. 8:00 p. m. Illuminated Automobile Parade. Automobiles with brilliant fire works display will parade the streets, passing the principal plazas. Band concerts on the plazas. Brilliant street illuminations.

JAMAICA. Carnival attractions. Wortham shows will furnish a special program for the entertainment on that night. Friday's Festivities.

The following program will be carried out during the day Friday, with the usual festivities and illuminations at night:

9:00 a. m. Military Field Day at Fort McIntosh. Relay races, mounted and dismounted. Retiring sharp shooters race, showing army firing in retreat. Obstacle race. Mounted potato race. Mounted rescue race. Shoe race. Wall scaling contest, etc., etc.

2:30 p. m. Equestrian events of U. S. Army on Parade Grounds on the "Heights." 1. Horse racing; 2. Roman race; 3. Cosack race; 4. Horsemen's contests in high jumping; 5. Bucking jumping; 6. Mounted wrestling; 7. Exhibition cavalry drill, new regulations.

8:00 p. m. Band concerts upon the principal plazas. Brilliant street illuminations. Carnival attractions. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th. 3:00 p. m. Baseball Game at Caliche Park, All Star U. S. Army vs. All Star Laredo Teams.

8:00 p. m. Grand Finale. Music. Carnival.

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BAND CONCERTS FURNISHED EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK

TWO LAREDO BANDS, NINTH INFANTRY AND FLORIDA TO PLAY

Music Committee Has Arranged For Concerts on Principal Plazas and Front of City Hall.

Following is the list of concerts which will be rendered in the various plazas and in front of the City Hall during the celebration, the concerts beginning this evening:

Ninth United States Infantry Band—Wednesday evening, Martin Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m. Thursday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Friday evening, Martin Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m. Second Florida Infantry Band—Wednesday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10:15 p. m. Thursday evening, Martin Plaza 8 to 10:30 p. m. Friday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m.

Banda Laredo—Thursday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Juvenile Band—Tuesday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR WEEK. Teachers and Pupils of Institutions of Learning Given Opportunity to Enjoy the Celebration.

This afternoon the schools of the Laredo Independent District will close their sessions for the remainder of the week, in accordance with an order passed by the board of trustees, and remain in recess until Monday morning.

This action was taken by the school board in order to give the teachers and pupils an opportunity to enjoy the festivities coincident with the big day of the Washington Birthday Anniversary Celebration tomorrow and also the field day events Friday. It would be depriving both teachers and pupils of a great amount of pleasure to have school here tomorrow, and the attendance would be slim, so the school board decided to close the schools on Feb. 22 and 23.

Chamberlain's Tablets. These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

OFFICIAL ORDER IS ISSUED. Detachments of All Regular Troop in Garrison of Laredo Will Participate in Military Parade.

According to official orders issued at the headquarters of the District of Laredo, the troops and equipment which will participate in the military parade tomorrow morning and their first named being those participating in the parade are named as follows: The 9th Infantry.

Third Squadron, 14th Cavalry. Company C, 1st Engineers. Detachment, Medical Department, from Camp Hospital, (to include all ambulances with personnel and equipment for field service.)

2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery. Motorcycle Company. Troops participating in the parade will be equipped for field service and accompanied by the prescribed combat and field trains, as far as practicable.

Colonel Alonzo Gray, 14th Cavalry (Attached) will command the detachment and assign organizations their positions in column.

The parade will start at 10:00 a. m. and the route will be as follows, from Victoria Street entrance to Fort McIntosh:

East on Victoria Street to Vidaurri Avenue, south on Vidaurri Avenue to Matamoros Street, east on Matamoros Street to San Bernardo Avenue, south on San Bernardo Avenue to Lincoln Street, west on Lincoln Street to Flores Avenue, north on Flores Avenue to Hidalgo Street, west on Hidalgo Street to Fort McIntosh.

The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery will be in position on Victoria Street, facing west with head of column at Vidaurri Avenue, in time to take its place in the parade.

The other organizations will form as directed by Colonel Gray.

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TWO MEMORABLE DATES.

The 22d of February, 1732, and the Fourth of July, 1776, Important in American History.

(By Chev. L. Brunl.)
The dawn of the 22nd of February, 1732, will remain graven with golden letters in the annals of American history for having palpitated for the first time love of liberty in the great heart of George Washington, the most honest, modest and virtuous republican of both Americas.

The 22nd of February, 1732, precursor of the Fourth of July, 1776, is considered, like the '89 in France and the '76 in Italy not only because it indicates the day of independence of a youthful, great and noble country, but because it opened a new era to American liberty and civilization to all the Americas.

These two dates say clearly that despotism and tyranny disappeared forever from the world and that the sublime Goddess of Liberty, like a divine archangel, extended its golden, protecting wings over humanity from the North to the South, from the East to the West, having written on her forehead in letters of fire the venerated name of Washington.

Who could have prophesied that in this part of America Divine Providence had destined a humble rural to liberate his oppressed country from the dominion of the fiercest and greatest nation of the world, the proud and ambitious Albion?

Great Britain, whose sails covered the seas of the whole world, presented an almost impregnable pillar of power which on one hand was symbolic of progress, but on the other was a picture of merciless dominion. It belonged to General George Washington—that extraordinary man, that demi-god, that great warrior—to trample the insignia of titled England. For him there had been enough of infamy, enough of despotism and tyranny, upon the noble and free soil of America, and, with a voice that will resound through the ages, he said: "Away! Retreat! This is the country of free men!"

The name of George Washington deserves to be associated with those of Socrates and Christ, and like these it will be imperishable, because he was "first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The great name of Washington will ever be uppermost in the minds of lovers of liberty on the 22nd of February and the Fourth of July until history falls into disuse and the sad world returns to whence it came—to Nothing!

The tree of Washington, as that of Bolivar, of Juarez, of Garibaldi, was heroically watered with the blood of thousands and thousands of martyrs of liberty, and the fruits that we have gathered are so great that today one hundred millions of human beings exclaim: "Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna! To the Father of this great country!"

Holy Liberty, a thousand times holy! You are the greatest gift that Providence made to man. Liberty, you have my unbounded love, my affection without limit whilst a spark of life animates this poor being. Oh Liberty, sublime goddess! I will invoke thee always, be I bond or free in this world; even when the cold kiss of death comes to break the cords which bind me to existence. Oh sainted Liberty! Wicked are those who make use of your immaculate name to oppress those who by nature are their equals in the knowledge of their rights and in the proper appreciation of their duties. Oh Liberty! You are great by nature but the cross of Calvary and the faith of George Washington made you greater still!

True Washington, with faith in God and heart of steel who fought for the freedom of his beloved country, ready to shed his last drop of blood for the noble cause of that noble country that today not only admires but adores him.

Brave Washington! Your name is a synonym of liberty—of that gift which equalizes the men of all countries. Brave Washington! From the heights of Heaven you may contemplate on this memorable day your great work sculptured in the hearts of all freemen who love their country, and I also from this corner of the United States of America exclaim: "Hurrah for George Washington! Hurrah for Liberty!" Under the shade, in this historic moment, because of universal civilization, millions and millions of human beings rise and say: "Peace, Love and Labor!"

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.
A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle to-day. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Mrs. Joe Vidales and the Misses Pierce will entertain with a bridge party at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Pierce home, honoring Mrs. John Carter Marshall of Chicago, Illinois.

Tuesday.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.
The Womens' Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their regular Bible Study at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.
Dinner Dance at the Ninth Infantry Club in the evening.

Meeting Life's Test.

There's only one method of meeting life's test;
Jes' keep on a strivin' an' hope for the best;
Don't give up the ship an' retire in dismay
'Cause hammers are thrown when you'd like a bouquet.
This world would be tiresome, we'd all get the blues,
If all the folks in it held just the same views.
So finish your work, show the best of your skill,
Some people won't like it, but other folks will.
If you're leadin' an army or buildin' a fence,
Do the most that you kin with your own common sense.
One small word of praise in this journey of tears
Outweighs in the balance 'gainst cart-loads of sneers.
The plants that we're passin' as commonplace weeds
Off prove to be jes' what some sufferer needs.
So keep on a-goin'; don't stay standin' still;
Some people won't like it, but other folks will.

General Mention.

Miss Anita Yeager returned to the Mines today, after spending the weekend in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hall of San Antonio will arrive today to be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. MacGregor. Mrs. Hall will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Wilhelmina Glazebrook, formerly of this place.

Miss Clara Hall will arrive in the city on Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Helen MacGregor and Miss Yeager will come in from Santo Tomas on Wednesday, to spend the holidays in the city.

Mrs. A. C. Richter has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in San Antonio.

Miss Dorothy Forsythe who has been the house guest of Mrs. Warren for several days, expects to return to Fort Sam Houston on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Yearly is visiting Mrs. Joe Marney in Asherton.

Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker of Fort Sam Houston will arrive in the city Wednesday to spend a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sames.

The General Meeting of the Woman's Club occurs today at four o'clock at the Hotel Hamilton. The topic for discussion is "Education" with Mrs. Elizabeth Lobdell as leader. The annual election of officers of the club comes at this meeting also.

Dr. F. H. Sparrenberger was host at a beautiful dinner at the Hamilton Hotel Saturday night, with Capt. and Mrs. Hearn, Capt. and Mrs. Dunbar, Miss Wright and Miss Crutcheild and Capt. Whipple as his guests. A six course dinner was served and the table decorations were violets, ferns and smilax.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold a bible study at the church at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Club Notes.

Mrs. J. L. Landrum, Chairman of Rural Life of the Fifth District of Texas Federated Women's Clubs has issued the following appeal to the clubs that have a rural life department:

Will the Rural Life Committee of

the clubs of my district kindly report to me by the first of April any rural life activity that is credited to your club? I am anxious to give due credit to the district for its work and cannot do this without reports. Please don't delay, but prepare your reports early and send to me, care State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas.

The following extract taken from the San Antonio Express of Sunday will prove of interest to Laredo people as the hostess and honorees were formerly of Laredo. Several of the guests present were Laredo girls:
Captain and Mrs. L. E. Hanson entertained at the baile y merienda yesterday afternoon at the Menger Hotel complimenting Mrs. E. C. Monday and Mrs. Albert Sidney Tucker. The table was attractive in pink carnations. The favors were corsage bouquets of sweet peas. The guests included Mrs. Monday and Mrs. Tucker, the honorees; Colonel and Mrs. Rogers, Colonel and Mrs. Brown, Major and Mrs. Pape, Major and Mrs. Marquett, Captain and Mrs. Pritchett, Captain and Mrs. Gallagher, Dr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Whisenant, Lieutenant Harmon, Lieutenant Lewis, Captain King, Captain Potter, Dr. Boels, Mr. and Mrs. Baretta, Captain and Mrs. Miller, Miss Cohn, Mrs. Rolf, Mrs. A. C. Arnold, Miss Brewster, Mrs. Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaratt, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hornberger.

Children's Choral Class.

The Children's Choral Class, assisted by the pupils of Mrs. Ward's Preparatory School, will celebrate Washington's Birthday by giving a concert under the direction of Mrs. A. Loring at 4:30 p. m. Feb. 20, at Elks hall. The following program will be rendered:

Anvil Chorus Verdi
Maryland, My Maryland Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean Shaw
Entire Chorus.
Recitation, "We'll Throw the Starry Banner Out," Mollie Swartzman.
Solo Dance Adrienne Lucchesi.
Dr. Tinkle Tinker Karl Hoschna
Clara Carstenes, soloist, and Children's Choral Class.
Lullaby Adam Geibel
Rosita Applewhite.
Sweet and Low, ... Joseph Barnby
Children's Choral Class.
Maybe It's a Robber, Oh! Karl Hoschna
Rosita Barlow and Elizabeth Kingman, soloists, and Tassie Vidaurri, Charlotte Vidaurri, Rosita Applewhite, Alice Penn, Mildred Leyendecker, Mollie Swartzman, Mary Besse MacDonald, Dorothy Morton, Emily Halsell.
Recitation, "George Washington's Hatchet," Helene Lewis.
Duet, "Quakertown," Nellie Ward
The Swing Clayton Thomas
Swing Song and Dance Nina B. Hartford
Emily Halsell, soloist, and Dorothy Morton, Clara Carstenes, Rosita Applewhite, Elizabeth Kingman, Kathleen McPike, Dorothy Durfee, Mary Besse MacDonald, Rosita Barlow, Tassie Vidaurri, Charlotte Vidaurri, Alice Penn, Odessa Potts, Dorothy Borchers, Mollie Swartzman and Mildred Leyendecker.

The Butterfly Gaynor
Pussy Willow C. Brown
Little Yellow Dandelion Brown
Dorothy Durfee, Katherine McPike, Margaret Ward, Olga Ferrara, Dorothy Borchers, Elizabeth Kingman, Mary Besse MacDonald and Odessa Potts.
In Japan with Mimi San Anite Owen
Mildred Leyendecker, soloist, and Emily Halsell, Clara Carstenes, Mollie Swartzman, Carlota Warwick, Alice Penn, Rosita Applewhite, Rosita Barlow, Elizabeth Kingman and Dorothy Morton.
Recitation, "George Washington's Birthday Dinner," Margaret Ward.
Piano Solo Selected
Dorothy Borchers.
Uncle Sammy's Army H. M. Dolph
Chorus.
Aloha Oe Queen Liliuokalani
Elizabeth Kingman and Chorus.
Dixie Dan Emmett
The Star Spangled Banner S. Arnold
Violin accompaniment, Miss Miriam Werner.

Studio Tea.

Mrs. D. F. Anderson entertained most charmingly on Saturday afternoon with a studio tea at which she presented three voice pupils, Mrs. A. W. Schmitt, Misses Courtney Slaughter and Luisa Martin, who gave a delightful program. Mrs. Anderson upon request gave two exquisite selections, after which coffee, cakes and mints were served, Mrs. J. T. Halsell poured and Misses Ethel and Myrtle

Mackin and Aline Hamilton assisted. The following program was given:
Miss Courtney Slaughter, soprano
Miss Luisa Martin, mezzo soprano
Mrs. Sue J. Schmitt, soprano
The Rose's Cup Ward-Stephens
For You Alone Gheel
Miss Slaughter.
When Love Is King Buck
The Last Hour Kramer
My Rosary Nevin
Miss Martin.
What's In the Air Eden
Night Ronald
Ecstasy Rummel
Mrs. Schmitt.
Convien Partin Donizetti
Miss Slaughter.
Cycle of Life Ronald
Prelude, "Love I Have Won You"
Miss Martin.
Waltz Song, "Il Bacio," Arditi
Mrs. Schmitt.

Announcements.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. L. H. Wharton on Wednesday afternoon at half after three o'clock.

There will be a dance at the Latin-American Club tomorrow night beginning at 8:30 o'clock. This will be the last dance of the season.

A Laredo Soloist.

At the fourth concert of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra last week Mrs. A. S. J. Tucker, well known to Laredo audiences as a pianist of brilliant attainments, was the soloist. Mrs. Tucker, formerly Miss Mary Sames, was highly applauded, and the critics highly commended her rendition of the first movements of Tschalkowski's concerto in B flat minor, with orchestra accompaniment. She was obliged to respond to many recalls.

A Musical Treat.

A large gathering of the members of the Latin-American Club and their families were given a genuine musical treat in the ball room of the club house yesterday afternoon through the courtesy of Mexican Consul Melquiades Garcia. There arrived in Nuevo Laredo yesterday the famous "Orquesta Tipica Lerdo de Tejada" of Mexico City, en route to New Orleans under contract for Mardi Gras and then to New York to fill another engagement. Taking advantage of the fact that they not leave until last night Consul Garcia arranged for them to give a concert in this city and as stated above they gave it at the Latin-American Club and the loud applause of the large audience in attendance manifested the thorough appreciation of their hearers. The orchestra rendered several choice selections, but the vocal rendition by Miss Carmen Garcia Cornejo, a lady member of the company and Mr. Miguel Lerdo de Cornejo, director of the orchestra, who is a tenor of note, were features of the entertainment, as was also a typical Mexican dance by two little girls.

Tennis Tea.

Mrs. Ferenbaugh of Fort McIntosh entertained with a delightfully informal tennis tea on Saturday afternoon, complimenting Miss Dorothy Forsythe, the charming house guest of Mrs. Rawson Warren. After a series of games of tennis a daintily appointed refreshment course was served. Among those present were Mrs. Alonzo Gray, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Freer, Misses Olive and Alice Gray, and Marjorie Ruckman. Col. Gray, Dr. Freer, Lieutenants Dwan, Herr, Carr, Hobson and Woodruff.

Societies.

The members of the Junior League of the Methodist church who had made four of the journeys in the trip around the world were delightfully entertained on Saturday evening, with a "Jack and Janet Party" by Mrs. Kingman, Miss Callie Smith, and Mr. Miller, at the club room of the church. The young people came in costumes to represent the countries visited in the trip. Several interesting contest games were played, Blindfold, "Chopsticks" and the "Blind Burmese," resulting in Albert Shanks and Ralph Smith tying for the first prize for the boys. Miss Gussie Mirander won the high-score prize for the girls, both prizes being boxes of candy. At the conclusion of the games a delicious refreshment course was served. There were sixteen girls and boys present to enjoy the hospitality of the evening.

Entertainments.

The Girls Social Club were very pleasantly entertained by Miss Maude Mussett on Saturday afternoon. Several hours were spent in sewing, after which the hostess served a delicious refreshment course. Those present were: Misses Flora Bunn, Lillian Westbrook, Mesdames Robert Muller and Frederick Gilbreath, and the hostess.

The Busy Bees were most delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon, by Miss Evelyn Ryan. Upon the arrival of the members, a business session was held, after which an interesting series of games of Hearts was played. Miss Mildred Leyendecker won the high score prize, and was given a pretty perfume bottle, and the booby prize fell to Dorothy Derby. A delicious two-course luncheon followed the game. Those present were: Misses Dorothy and Lois Derby, Marjorie Fish, Emilie Halsell, Minerva G'Sell, Hattie May Bryan, Anna May Mussett, Mildred Leyendecker Odette Bunn, Kathleen Heaner, Dorothy Morton, Rosalie Biggio and the hostess.

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SITUATION IS AT STANDSTILL AND THE GOVERNMENT IS WAITING AND PREPARING

While Nothing Further Has Happened, the Government is Adhering to Its Plan of Protecting American Rights when the Time Arrives—Impatience Over Release of American Sailors.

FOUND DEAD IN BUGGY.

Farmer Near Waco Found Dead Half an Hour After He Had Left Church Yesterday.

By Associated Press.

Waco, Texas, Feb. 19.—Thirty minutes after leaving church services, the dead body of Julius Lehde, 21 years old, a farmer from near Hallsburg, was found in the buggy with a pistol at his feet.

Woman Found Dead.

Palestine, Texas, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Henry Watts, wife of former Sheriff Watts, was found dead in her room with a pistol bullet through her heart. She had been in ill health.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED.

By Associated Press.
Quebec, Canada, Feb. 19.—Falling walls of a building wrecked by fire crushed three firemen to death and badly injured five others.

OLD REPUBLICAN DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Hartford, Conn., Feb. 19.—Edward S. Young, 60 years old, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican national convention which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt, died here today of pneumonia.

USE OF CONCRETE IN WAR.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 19.—The adaptability of concrete in the construction of fortifications and for other military purposes is illustrated by exhibits at the Concrete Show that opened in Convention Hall in this city today. The show is a feature of the annual convention of the Southwestern Concrete Association to be held here this week.

FAMOUS PATTI NEARS 75th MILESTONE.

London, Feb. 19.—Adelina Patti, in private life the Baroness Cederstrom, entered upon her seventy-fifth year today, having been born in Madrid, Feb. 19, 1843. The famous singer whose voice held the world enthralled for so many years is reported to be in excellent health. On several occasions during the past three years she has appeared in public for the benefit of one or another of the war relief funds.

OPPOSE TRADING STAMPS.

Dayton, O., Feb. 19.—Hundreds of hardware dealers, manufacturers, jobbers and salesmen are gathering here in anticipation of the opening tomorrow of the annual convention of the Ohio Retail Hardware Dealers' Association. The convention promises to be one of the most important as well as the largest ever held by the association. Abolition of trading stamps and similar trade inducements will be advocated by the convention, and policies with reference to meeting mail-order competition also will receive attention.

PLAN UPLIFT OF SHOW BUSINESS.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—Chicago today became the mecca for owners and managers of travelling circuses and outdoor carnival and fair exhibitions from all parts of the country. The occasion of the gathering is the first annual convention of the Association of Outdoor Showmen of the World, which was organized in New York last December. The announced purpose of the association is to weed out unscrupulous showmen, create and correct legislation in their behalf and uplift conditions generally in the show business.

Ready For Business.

The Laredo Plumbing Co., corner of Iturbide street and Salinas avenue, with Mr. Enrique Benavides and Mr. Ed. H. Sanchez comprising the firm, is now open and ready for business. Mr. Benavides will have charge of the office and store and Mr. Sanchez will personally attend to all work entrusted to them. They have a complete stock of material and fixtures to do all kinds of plumbing, tinning, gas fitting and cornice work. Phone them at 1100 and your orders will be promptly attended to and they guarantee all their work.

TO TRADE COMMISSION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 19.—William S. Colver, a St. Paul newspaper publisher, and John Franklin Fort, former governor of New Jersey, have been nominated by President Wilson as members of the federal trade commission.

OREGON RETAIL MERCHANTS.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 19.—The annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association opened in Portland today with a record-breaking attendance of trade representatives from every section of the State. The merchants will spend several days in the consideration of various problems of interest and importance to the retail trade.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The Brooklyn Robins and New York Yankees will play a series of three games in Brooklyn, beginning April 7.

Pitcher Earl Hamilton, of the St. Louis Browns, is working out in Havana with Marsans, Acosta, Gonzales and other Cuban big leaguers.

In case war is declared few of the minor baseball leagues will be willing to take a chance in competition with the "world's game" the coming season.

The Chicago Cubs are to open their Spring tour of practice games at Pasadena, March 2, with the Los Angeles Pacific Coast League team as their opponents.

Word from St. Louis has it that Manager Fielder Jones of the Browns is to start house cleaning. Half a dozen or more of the Browns are to be traded.

Managers Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Tigers and John McGraw of the New York Giants are to spend a few days together at Havana before joining their teams at the training camps.

Even if the shortstopping of Chuck Ward, last year with the Portland, Ore., team, failed to set the Pacific Coast league on fire, Manager Calhoun of Pittsburgh is confident Ward will make good with the Pirates.

Jim Thorpe is to be sold to the Indianapolis American association club in case he fails to make good with the Giants. Thorpe's playing with Milwaukee last year was one of the brilliant features of the association season.

Least 700,000,000 pounds, exclusive of contributions from banks, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, stated today in the house of commons. Mr. Bonar Law said of the applications received for the war loan the last day that 200,000 were not dealt with and the result would not be known until next week.

Americans Get Contracts.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Contracts for navy projectiles previously awarded Hatfield, Ltd., an English concern, today were given to the Midvale Steel Company, the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company and the Crucible Steel Company.

Stopped Announcements.

Panama, Feb. 19.—The Canal Zone authorities have ceased publishing information concerning traffic movements through the canal.

Another Steamer Sunk.

London, Feb. 19.—Lloyds announce that the British steamer Okement has been sunk.

Nominated Rear Admiral.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Capt. Harry S. Knapp has been nominated Rear Admiral by President Wilson.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous
Get rid of that tickling cough that seeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for gripe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggists, 50c.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The submarine situation seems at a standstill, with the government closely watching developments, steadily preparing for eventualities and adhering to the plan of protecting American rights when the time arrives. There is no further indication of the president's plan for going before congress to ask additional authority. The release of the American sailors taken prisoner on the Yarrowdale, which advises through the Spanish embassy that would be released shortly, is awaited with some impatience.

Five Steamships Arrived.

New York, Feb. 19.—Five steamships from war zone ports, several of whom left since the submarine order became effective, arrived here today. The Standard Oil steamer Wica sailed from here today to an unnamed port. It is the first of the Standard Oil fleet to leave since the new submarine campaign began.

Submarine Sunk by Liner.

New York, Feb. 19.—In a 40-minute battle between a German U-boat and the French line steamer Guyane off the coast of France Jan. 22, the submarine was sunk, according to officers on a freighter arriving today from Bordeaux.

Roasts Ambassador Gerard.

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Count von Reventlow devotes an editorial in his Berlin paper to an attack on Ambassador Gerard, whom he accuses of using his official position deliberately to transmit important war information to the Entente powers via America. He concludes his article with an attack on American newspapermen and expresses his thankfulness that Mr. Gerard has left Berlin.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Feb. 19.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamer Iole. Eleven men of the British steamer Romsdalen, reported sunk yesterday, are missing.

Two Steamers Torpedoed.

New York, Feb. 19.—Two steamships out of New York under charter to the Kerr Steamship Company, one Norwegian and the other Spanish, have been sunk in the submarine zone, according to the company's advice. They were the Dalmatia, Norwegian, and the Mar Adriatico, Spanish.

Great Amount Subscribed.

London, Feb. 19.—The money subscribed to the British war loan is at

FEDERAL ORDER IS HELD OFF FOR TIME

ORDER IMPOSING PENALTY OF \$5,000 FOR FAILURE TO RETURN COAL CARS POSTPONED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The interstate commerce commission has postponed from February 21 to March 15 the operation of its recent order requiring railroads to return, under \$5,000 penalty, empty coal cars to connecting links. The recent agreement of the railroads to return speedily all empty cars was responsible for the postponement.

START TRAINING CIVILIANS.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—An important step in the direction of naval preparedness was taken today, when classes of instruction for men planning to enroll for the civilian cruises next summer were opened on the U. S. S. Virginia at the Charlestown navy yard. The classes also will accommodate men for the naval coast defense reserve, and for certain other classes of the naval reserve force.

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EMBARGOS AND PEACE.

The local Carrancista paper is very wrath with the United States government because it will not raise the embargo on munitions of war and permit Mexico "to destroy a movement of bandits." Following a long-winded diatribe against the United States for its policy toward the Latin-American republics, the veiled threat is conveyed that in case of war with a foreign power, America might find the hostility of Mexico a factor in aid of the enemy and against the United States.

There are several reasons why an embargo on arms and ammunition should be strictly observed, not only for the present but for some time to come.

In the first place, the various governments of Mexico during the past six years or more have all been antagonistic to the United States. They have fostered a hatred toward our country that never before existed, and they have had less justification for their hostile attitude than any other country that ever claimed a grievance against the United States.

In the second place, the only reason for desiring arms and ammunition is that one or the other political group may continue to cut throats, to rob and burn and violate women and do other things which the possession of arms makes it possible for them to do.

In the third place, none of the present factions in Mexico has shown that it may be trusted with arms, without an overwhelming force on our border to protect our women and children from the violence of the Mexican bandits, whether they masquerade under the flag of the country, or under the banner of revolt.

During the past two years—more than one year of which has been under the recognition of our government of the faction calling itself the de facto government of Mexico—soldiers of that government, wearing the uniform and bearing the arms issued by that government, and under the command of officers of that government, have crossed the boundary line and robbed American ranches.

There is no more reason to believe in the good faith of the de facto government than there is to believe in the good faith of the bandits who are opposing it. Both sides have demonstrated that they are capable of treacherous attacks upon Americans, and had it not been for the large force guarding the border we should have had a continuance of the attacks which we have suffered during the past few years.

To give either side the privilege of importing all the arms and ammunition they were able to buy would be to again subject ourselves to the horrors of the border warfare. There is so little left to steal in Mexico that it is not surprising that the bandits are tempted to cross the line when they are in need of food and clothing.

If the Mexican government really has large ammunition factories, as its agents in this country so loudly boast, and if the government forces are really daily dispersing large bands of rebels, capturing their arms and ammunition, then there should be no necessity of our throwing down the barriers in order that they may get more munitions.

Every effort should be made to prevent any of the Mexican factions from securing further supplies of munitions. It is a pity that our gunboats cannot stop the importations from Japan and other countries which our consular agents were reporting but a short time ago to the state department.

Any government which with an unlimited supply of munitions cannot put down a rebellion within its own borders in over a year is under the suspicion of attempting to destroy a popular uprising which may be stronger than the government.

It is useless to talk of raising the embargo for the ends of peace. It is not peace but war which the Mexican de facto government wants, and much of the war has already been carried on against Americans on their own soil.

neighbors or starve. There is no provision under the law for supporting the family of a man condemned to a prison sentence, although the state reaps part of the benefit of the man's labor.

The Texas Prisoners' Children's Aid Society is handling this matter the best they may until the legislature passes a law providing for the payment of a part of the convict's wages to his dependent wife or children.

The plan is simplicity itself. The society now has some 15,000 members or subscribers in the state. These people contribute to the general fund of the society, out of which necessary aid is given to the family of a white convict from the day that he goes to the penitentiary to serve his term.

In each city a director is appointed, and the sheriff is notified of such appointment and requested to inform the director every time that he has a convicted white prisoner to send to the penitentiary. The director immediately gets in touch with the family, supplies its needs and then draws on the association through its headquarters in Galveston.

There is something so intensely practical in this sort of a philanthropy that it is meeting with the approval of all to whose attention it is brought. While society may need to be protected against criminals, there is no reason why the innocent wife and children of a criminal should be punished.

Many a wife whose husband has yielded to temptation and who is paying the penalty of his crime has had to work at unaccustomed labor in order to support her children, and many a tenderly nurtured woman and her little ones have suffered the pangs of poverty, or felt the shame of accepting public charity, because there is no law requiring the state to divide the proceeds of a convict's labor with his family.

Other states have recently passed such laws, and at the next legislative session, two years ahead, the Texas legislature will be asked to pass a law giving the family of a convict who is working in the penitentiary or on the roads of the state at least a part of his earnings.

It was not primarily intended that the state should make a profit from the labor of its convicts. Yet that is what some states are now doing, while others lease their convicts to contractors who work the unfortunate men—and even women—in order to make a profit in competition with outside labor.

A penitentiary term is supposed not only to be punishment for an offense committed, but also to carry with it something of a reformatory nature. Many a convict has been completely brutalized by realizing that through his criminal act his wife and children have become objects of public charity, although he is doing an honest day's work for the state six days out of every seven.

When the time arrives for the adoption of the proposed law in Texas, there is no doubt that it will pass overwhelmingly. The people of Texas are not anxious to make confirmed criminals out of first offenders, and there are many who believe that even the hardened offenders may be set forward on the road to reformation by decent treatment.

Meanwhile, every cent contributed to the worthy benevolence will be used to help the families of white prisoners in Texas to live without begging on the streets or accepting the niggleardly dole of public charity, and the unfortunate father will be led to see that he could do better for his family by walking in the straight and narrow path and laboring honestly for what he gets.

Although it was not news to anyone, the confession of the German captain of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie that he was ordered from the German embassy to destroy his ship's machinery in order that the United States might not use the vessel in case of hostilities is such confirmation as no one can deny. And yet the Germans talk of our breaking the treaty made between Thomas Jefferson and Frederick of Prussia!

Cubans may not send money orders by mail to their own country from this. It is feared that they might thus support the rebellion. What a simple affair it would have been to stop all money orders to Mexico. Yet no one seems to have thought of it.

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THE ARTILLERY WON AGAIN AND RETAINS LEAGUE LEAD

TOOK GAME FROM THE LAREDOS IN GAME ON YESTERDAY.

Closely Contested Game, Featured by Pitchers' Battle, in Fort McIntosh Nationals Game.

Standing of the Teams.				
Team.	Played	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Third Field Artillery	4	4	0	.1000
Fort McIntosh	4	2	2	.500
Nationals	4	1	3	.250
Laredos	4	1	3	.250

The double-header between teams of the Laredo Winter League which were played at Caliche Park yesterday afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock attracted a large crowd and two good games of the national sport were witnessed.

So far the Third Field Artillery team has proven the invincible obstacle, if such it may be termed, to the other three teams, and have "copied" every game they have played, winning two so far from the Laredos, one in the opening and one yesterday.

The score of the first game yesterday between the Third Field Artillery and the Laredos, as shown by innings, was as follows:

Team.	123 456 7—R. H. E.
3d. Field Artillery	102 003 x—6 8 1
Laredos	000 001 1—2 6 5

Batteries—Brought and Hillery; Pierce and Burke.

In this game, as will be seen from the score, Laredo got her full quota of errors, due to bad playing, while the artillery boys were more fortunate. Brought struck out seven men and allowed no bases on balls, while Pierce struck out a pair of men and allowed one man a pass.

The score of the second game, which was between Fort McIntosh and the Nationals, was a "pitch," and closely contested throughout, though the soldier boys got a lead of two runs in the fourth sashay which the Nationals could not overcome. The game as told by innings was as follows:

Team.	123 456 7—R. H. E.
Fort McIntosh	000 200 0—2 6 2
Nationals	000 001 0—1 6 1

Batteries—Swantz and Belland; Guerra and Gonzales.

While the Nationals annexed but one error, and the soldiers two, the latter brought in runners at the crucial moment of the game. It was a pitchers battle with Swank and Guerra opposing, and in this contest Swank struck out six men and allowed one free pass, while Guerra struck out five men and issued no passes.

DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

It's usually a sign of sick kidneys, especially if the kidney action is disordered, passages scanty or too frequent. Don't wait for more serious troubles. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this Laredo testimony.

Valente Gutierrez, 401 Irbide St., Laredo, says: "I complained for years of my kidneys and used all kinds of medicines without help. Four or five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, however, procured from the City Drug Co., made a lasting cure of the trouble. My back has never pained me since and I can bend or lift without any trouble. My kidneys now never get out of order."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply as for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. Gutierrez. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Laredo Volunteer Firemen.

Members of Lone Star H. & L. Co. 1, Heights Chemical Co. 1, Rescue Hose Co. 3 and Protection Hose Co. 4 are requested to meet in Firemen's hall at 2 o'clock, February 22nd, in uniform to participate in parade.

J. R. FASNACHT,
Secretary L. V. F. D.
C. C. BIGGIO,
Chief.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

NATHALINA

Retains to the hair its natural color whether blond, brown or black, it does not discolor the skin, nor can it cause silver nitrate. It is not harmful and is easy to use.

By Express \$1.50 from San Antonio Drug Co., San Antonio, Tex. The Warner Drug Co., El Paso, Tex., Shelby Thier's Laredo, Texas, and at Drug Stores, By wholesale from

F. M. Espinoza R., Box 3, Laredo, Texas

LITTLE LOCALS

—The carnival, the first feature of the annual celebration, is now in full blast and large crowds are visiting the grounds nightly to enjoy the amusement features offered. Besides the tented attractions, there are the usual riding devices, trips to the moon and other things to keep the crowd seeing something novel and entertaining.

—We have a few sacks of nice seed corn. Phone us your orders. Earnest-Lattig Co. 2-17-2t.

—When you want a better battery and better service go to YEARY. 2-15-1m.

—Orders have been issued by the war department and also General Funston recalling all the national guardsmen—and sending them home from border service. The Texas boys, who have been in service since last May, are included in the order. All national guardsmen will be out of the federal service by March 7, according to General Funston's statement.

—All kinds of decorating material, festooning, flags, tissue papers of all colors, crepe paper, confetti, etc. A. Saft, Cor. Hidalgo street and San Bernardino ave., phone 407. 2-13-2t.

—The Second Florida Infantry regiment will return to their camp here in a few days and prepare for departure for their home state. The Fourth Missouri Infantry leaves tomorrow, and with the departure of the Florida boys the last of the national guardsmen in Laredo will have gone and nothing but regulars will be stationed here.

—Let us fix your Auto top. One-Man Tops our Specialty. Full stock materials always on hand. Laredo Auto Sales Company. 2-15-1t.

—The work on the gorgeous floats which will be seen in the civic parade on the afternoon of February 22 is nearing completion and Laredo people and visitors generally can next Thursday afternoon feast their eyes on some of the most beautiful floats ever seen here during a Washington Celebration parade.

—Autos painted; work guaranteed. Jose Vasquez at Fidel Cantu's, phone 202. 2-9-1t.

—We have a few sacks of nice seed corn. Phone us your orders. Earnest-Lattig Co. 2-17-2t.

—Orders for the Florida Infantry to go home were received by the commander of the Laredo District this morning. The Florida troops, who are now doing patrol duty, will be summoned to Laredo immediately and moved back to the Peninsular State just as soon as the necessary railroad equipment to transport them and their supplies arrives.

—Eastern Hair Shop, Room 208, Laredo National Bank building, Phone 147 for appointment. 1-24-1t.

—Polishes of all kinds. Brass, nickel and silver. Laredo Auto Sales Company. 2-15-1t.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report. Teodoro Vasquez and Mrs. Luz Vela, Virgil Joseph Haynes and Isabel Ortega, Willard Newport and Manuela M. Torres, Jesus Maria Hernandez and Aurora Castro, Sam Warren and Tomas Ortegón, Jesus Alvarado and Margarita Flores.

—Latest styles ladies' silk pouch bags, ladies' leather strop purses. Large assortment just received from New York. Sonora News Company. 2-13-6t.

—Metal tool boxes with suit case locks; regular \$3.50 value now \$2.50 while they last. Laredo Auto Sales Company. 2-15-1t.

—The work of decorating the business houses and some residences of Laredo, and putting them in gala attire for the celebration is well under way and by tomorrow Laredo's streets will present a fluttering mass of flags and bunting by day, while by night the illumination will be provided by myriads of tri-colored incandescent lights.

—Everything for your Automobile. One and same price to all. Laredo Auto Sales Company. 2-15-1t.

—Doctors Wilson & Stafford, DENTISTS. Crown and bridge work, pyorrhea and diseases of the gums a specialty. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 1-13-1t.

—The boys of the Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment are busy today packing up and preparing for their

"Ah! Good Body And Rare Flavor"

OLD I.W. HARPER WHISKEY
5 Gold Medals

4 Oz. \$5.00 Delivered to You
Order from Your Nearest Dealer

For Sale by Moser's Store and Old Lager Bar.

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Cotton Seed Cake and Meal, Bran, Oats, Chops, Corn, Milo; Maize, Salt, Alfalfa and Cane.

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If you own a lot and want to build, we will build your house on terms to suit.

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We are the Distributing Sales Agents for Wright and Ditson Official Base Ball Goods.

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Big lines White Canvas Shoes, Rubber and Leather Soles. Russian Calf—Du-Flex-Fibre Soles, wear longer than leather and make splendid everyday walking shoe.

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MISSOURIANS LEAVE TOMORROW

Regiment Will be Given Farewell by U. S. Engineers and Departing Men Will Fire a Farewell.

The Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment, Colonel John D. McNealy commanding, comprising one thousand officers and men, who have been stationed in Laredo since early last June, will take their departure for Fort Riley, Kansas, tomorrow morning, going there to be mustered out of the federal service. The Missourians will leave here on special trains traveling in three sections. The first section carrying Colonel McNealy and staff and regimental headquarters and band, will roll out of here at 10 a. m., the second train will leave at 12 noon and the last train will leave at 2 p. m.

As a compliment to Colonel McNealy and staff and the departing regiment, four aerial guns of Co. C, First U. S. Engineers, were taken to Camp Missouri this afternoon, and at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning the guns will fire twenty bombs into the air at Camp Missouri, illuminating the camp and presenting a scene there that has never before been witnessed in Laredo, as these shells, bursting in midair at a great height, scatter a spray of lights that produce a grand illumination effect in the dark. These shells are used by the army for illuminating places desired to be explored.

When the first section bearing Colonel McNealy and regimental headquarters leave here tomorrow forenoon four of the aerial guns will be placed on the rear platform of the last coach and a farewell will be fired to Laredo by Colonel McNealy, the guns later being taken from the platform of the coach at the "Y" in the northern part of the city, but these bombs, exploded in daylight, will only have effect by detonation.

departure tomorrow. Goodbyes are being said and many express the hope of some day returning to Laredo. Quite a few of the Missouri boys have secured their discharge and will make Laredo their future home. They are welcomed as citizens.

—A RED TUBE FREE with EVERY TIRE SOLD FOR CASH. Laredo Auto Sales Company. 2-15-1t.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times of Day. 10-11-1t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1t (Adv.)

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 2-24-1t (Adv.)

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

SUPPLY TRAIN HAS ARRIVED.

Wagon Train of New York Division Now in Laredo on Overland March to Fort Sam Houston.

The supply train of the New York Division which has been stationed in the Brownsville country, in command of Major T. H. Shanton of the quartermaster's corps, arrived in Laredo this morning on their overland march to Fort Sam Houston, and went into camp on the Missouri grounds, where they will remain until Wednesday morning, when they resume their overland trip to Fort Sam Houston.

The wagon train was one of the longest ever arriving in Laredo at one time, consisting of 120 wagons, 180 men and 619 animals, with the necessary supplies. This supply train will remain at Fort Sam Houston only long enough to await railroad facilities to transport it back to New York state, where the men will be mustered out of the federal service.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

PROBATE COURT MEETS.

Final Account of Estate of O. P. Reid, Deceased, Was Approved at Session This Morning.

The probate court of Webb county was convened in regular quarterly session at the office of County Judge George R. Page this morning.

The first business taken up and disposed of was the filing of the final account of Rev. J. Ward, executor of the estate of O. P. Reid, deceased, which was approved.

MOTHERS, DO THIS—

When the Children Cough, Rub Musterole on Throats and Chests

No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then when you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt, sure relief. It does not blister.

As first aid and a certain remedy, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar in the house, ready for instant use. It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frost-bite and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

MUSTEROLE
WILL NOT BLISTER

ATTRACTIONS AT CARNIVAL ARE ALL WELL PATRONIZED

RECORD CROWD WERE PRESENT ON THE GROUNDS LAST NIGHT.

Different Tents Were Thronged With People Last Night and Everybody Appeared Satisfied.

The Wortham Shows, the carnival attraction which began a ten-day engagement in this city on Saturday night to continue during the celebration, had a record-breaking crowd last night—in fact the grounds were thronged with a mass of humanity from the very moment of its starting until a late hour, with the result that every show on the grounds showed to capacity audiences. On Saturday night there was also an immense throng on the grounds, but that which visited the carnival last night was decidedly greater.

There are some good tented attractions with the Wortham Shows, as will be attested by those who have seen them. The real big attraction is the main show where the wild animals and riding stunts are pulled off and where a program equal to that of the best exclusive wild animal show that ever visited Laredo is seen.

Another attraction in a little tent is Prince Napoleon, a jolly, joking midget who gets the hearts of the young ladies and who, dressed as an Italian count, makes eyes at the girls, chats with them, has tete-a-tetes, talks like a diplomat a la Romeo, "chins" the crowd and is especially attractive, for, despite his miniature size, he is symmetrically perfect and just one of the cutest little fellows in existence. This saying is seconded by all the young ladies who have seen Prince Napoleon, and they never tire of standing and admiring and chatting with the talkative little gentleman.

The tents with the dancing girls, the Siamese twins, the man with the "toothpick" body and arms, the lizard girl, and a number of others on the grounds are well worth a visit. All the shows are clean and strictly moral and families can go there with immunity from the general offense features that are found at most carnivals.

DISBAND THE FELICISTAS BECAUSE GHOST DIDN'T WALK

THAT IS THE STORY TOLD OFFICERS BY CAPTURED MEMBER.

Says Gonzales Had Brought His Men to River Banks and Told Them Get to the American Side.

According to the story told to the officers by Camilo Rojas, a member of the Felicista revolutionary party who was captured after the battle with Florida troops near Zapata on last Wednesday, and who was brought to Laredo yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Allen Walker and placed in the county jail, the Felicistas under Pedro Gonzales have been dispersed, crossed to the American side and scattered.

Rojas told Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Walker and the commander of the Florida detachment at Zapata his "little tale of woe," and if his story is correct the men of Pedro Gonzales command had come to the American side with friendly intentions when they were stopped by the Florida detachment and a battle ensued, though he avows that the Florida boys opened fire on them.

The man says that on last Wednesday Gonzales, with his party of twenty-two men came to the Rio Grande banks and that Gonzales told them that he was going to disperse the band, as those who had been financing the revolution had failed to respond to his demands, and that as "the ghost failed to walk" and he was unable to pay the men for their revolutionary operations it would be best for them to silently cross to the American side of the river under cover of darkness and disperse, eventually succeeding in getting back to their homes in Texas. Rojas says that the order of Gonzales was being carried out when the Florida boys espied the Mexican party just as they reached the American side of the Rio Grande and "turned loose on them," to which they responded in their flight to get away from them.

Saturday night two more members of the Felicistas, Luis Molano and Silvestre Perez, were captured at Zapata and are now being held to be turned over to Deputy Marshal Walker, who left for Zapata after them today.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

FIELD DAY EVENTS FRIDAY.

Interesting Program Will Be Carried Out by Regular Soldiers at Fort McIntosh on That Day.

A long and varied series of field day events comprise the program which will be carried out on the main parade grounds at Fort McIntosh on Friday, beginning in the morning and continuing throughout the day.

The officials and time-keepers of the various events are announced in the program. The events consist of retreating sharpshooters races, obstacle race, shoe race, wall-scaling contest, rescue race, mounted wrestling, relay race with ten dismounted men, troop drill, Cossack race, high jump dismounted, flat race mounted, artillery driving contest by sections from two batteries of the Third Field Artillery, Roman race, potato race (mounted), bucking jump, mounted relay race.

During the field day events music will be furnished by the Ninth Infantry Band and the Second Florida Infantry Band.

VIOLATION OF SALOON LAW.

Testimony in Three Cases Taken Before Commissioner Smith for Comptroller's Department.

The taking of testimony in the charges against three Laredo parties charged with violations of either the 9:30 closing law or the Sunday law, was had yesterday afternoon and today before Commissioner Asher R. Smith, representing the state comptroller's department.

Attorney Humphrey of Austin came here especially to investigate the charges of violation against three Laredo men, and conducted the taking of testimony, which was concluded today and will be submitted to the comptroller's department. Two of the accused parties appeared at the hearing represented by counsel and in person, while the third conducted his own examination before Commissioner Smith.

PRINCE NAPOLEON A CLEVER MIDGET.

The man who can spend three minutes with little Prince Napoleon, and not enjoy the laugh of his life time certainly can consider himself among the world champion grouchers. The Prince seems to possess a snicker-attracting gravity in every ounce of his 33 pounds and the way it turns the crowds away fairly convulsed is little short of remarkable.

The accomplishment of the little Prince seems the more extraordinary when one learns that he came to the United States a trifle less than 3 years old, speaking at that time only his native Italian. Today scarcely a trace of foreign accent is detectable in his conversation. He writes the English language fairly well and reads the daily newspapers with a keen enjoyment. Since the recent military activities in Italy, his attention to the war columns has been the more regular. He now is able to discuss the European situation with an intelligence that is truly surprising.

The Prince was induced to come to the United States when an American showman touring in Italy informed him of the possibilities which awaited him here in the theatrical business. Though his progress was retarded somewhat at the outset by his ignorance of the English language, he rapidly overcame this obstacle and his services soon were sought by hundreds of prominent managers.

This season he signed a contract with C. A. Wortham, and now he is enjoying his first tour under the canvas.

To the little entertainer the experience is the greatest of his life time; he enjoys the open air and he is fascinated by the romance of the circus tour. To the entire family he is "little brother," and in popularity he is by long odds the most popular person with the show.

After seeing the tiny Prince none can doubt that he is the most remarkable midget ever exhibited. He is perfectly developed in mind and in body except for stature. His witticisms are quick and clever, his impersonations, (all persons unrecog- nized) are taken on and his de- meanor endear him to who meet him.

Prince Napoleon certainly is a charming little fellow, and though small in body possesses a optimism and personal sunshine that would become many who are greater in pounds and inches.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

FEBRUARY 21

Hon. William H. Osborn, United States Commissioner of International Revenue by appointment of President Wilson since April, 1913, is 61 years old today. Mr. Osborn has recently announced that, during the last three years, he and his aides have collected for the government \$22,509,576 in revenues formerly fraudulently evaded. A more than equal amount is still due the government and awaits collection. The sum thus brought into the U. S. Treasury by Commissioner Osborn has more than paid all the expenses of the internal revenue department during the three years. Mr. Osborn was born at Oxford, N. C., February 21, 1856, and was for many years engaged in the tobacco business and general trading at Durham in the same State. Having removed to Greensboro, he became president of the Keeley Institute there, and also Mayor of the city for four years, from 1891 to 1895.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Parish Guild will meet at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Poor Man With a Smile.

His pants were patched, his coat was worn. But on his face there glowed the morn; His shoes were patched, as were his pants. And he had lost full many a chance; But still through pain and grief and guile He was a poor man with a smile.

Sometimes his cheeks were thin and wan, But upward to his eyes the dawn From that poor, patient smile that lit His lips on gloomy wings would flit; From dream to dream, long mile by mile, He was a poor man with a smile.

One side the road a king passed by. There was no dawnlight in his eye; His cheeks were sunken, well as pale, He gazed in sadness down the vale; This poor man on the other side— Oh, how God marks the great divide! —Selected.

General Mention.

Mrs. Robert Harris of San Antonio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fish.

Mrs. Harry Shelby and little son, David, arrived yesterday on a visit to Mrs. H. D. Shelby.

Messrs. Roy and James Field motored from Waco to Laredo, arriving here yesterday. They are the guests of Mrs. C. Withoff.

Mrs. M. R. Perron and children of San Antonio are in the city visiting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerbade of Flatonia arrived yesterday and are the guests of Mrs. Kline.

Frank B. Capra of Baltimore, Maryland, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. W. B. Capra.

Mrs. E. W. Hensinger of San Antonio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frees of San Antonio are the guests of Mrs. H. M. Schmidt.

Mrs. Chas. Laue has as her guests for the holidays, Mrs. Eugene Laue and Mrs. Walter Laue, of San Antonio, and Miss Louise Sinenger of Boerne, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vetter and two children, Misses Margaret and Katherine Shaw and May Benson and George Benson comprise a party of Corpus Christi visitors who arrived yesterday afternoon for the celebration and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallahan.

Miss Margaret McTiernan of Corpus Christi was among the celebration excursionists arriving yesterday.

Mrs. R. Solitto, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Salvia and Mary Solitto, were among the many Corpus Christi excursionists arriving in Laredo yesterday afternoon and will remain until Sunday.

Children's Concert.

The concert given yesterday afternoon at Elks Hall by the Children's Choral Class and the Laredo Preparatory School, under the direction of Mrs. Loring, was a tremendous success and reflects much credit upon Mrs. Loring's work. It was one of the prettiest and most effective concerts ever given by the children of Laredo, and the ease and assurance with which the children performed their respective parts showed the thoroughness of their preparation. The dance by little Adrienne Lucchesi was beautifully done and the nimble, graceful, fairy-like movements of Dorothy Morton show her to be a girl of wonderful talent. Space is too confined to give more than a passing notice to the concert as a whole, but suffice it to say that all did well, and the people of Laredo are to be congratulated in having a musical director of such capacity as Mrs. Loring to train the children.

Entertainments.

Mrs. H. D. Shelby entertained very delightfully yesterday afternoon with a movie-party followed by a reception honoring Mrs. H. M. Taylor of San Antonio. The rooms were attractively arranged for the reception of the occasion, potted plants were used in the decoration. There were several charming musical numbers given by Mrs. H. M. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Marshall, Miss Annie Pace, and Mr. Laird played a beautiful clarinet solo. Mrs. G. A. Brown and Mrs. Asher Smith served punch, and Mrs. Hawley presided at the coffee urn. A delicious salad course was also served. Those present were: The honor guest, Mesdames Haynes, Derby, Taylor, Austin, Fish, Woodman, Deutz, Marshall, A. R. Schmitt, Anderson, Harry Shelby, Vidales, Couch, Asher Smith, Flores, Greenstreet, A. C. Richter, Lusk, G. A. Brown, Sames, Hamilton, Harris, Huberich, Zilker, Hawley, Misses

Alma Pierce and Evelyn Whitman.

Bridge Luncheon.
Mrs. John Tucker Halsell entertained with a bridge luncheon yesterday at one o'clock, honoring Mrs. Robert McCulloch of Corpus Christi. The table was overlaid in tenebri- lace, and was centrally adorned with a tall etched crystal vase in a hand- wrought silver standard, carrying peach blossoms, resting on a re- flector encircled with violets and ferns. Small crystal and silver vases filled with violets were placed on either side. Four crystal candlesticks holding green colonial tapers also graced the table. Butterfly place cards marked the places of the guests. The plate favors were dainty hat pins. A six-course luncheon was served. Those playing bridge were: Mesdames Robert McCulloch, J. A. MacDonald, C. M. Fish, C. C. Biggio, H. S. Garlick, L. J. Christen, W. T. Davidson, and the hostess. After an interesting series of games of bridge were played, Mrs. Biggio scored high and received a half a dozen dillies with croquet edge; the low score prize fell to Mrs. Garlick, who was given a box of correspondence cards. The honor guest was presented with a framed watercolor sketch.

Club Notes.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. C. W. Cook, and after a brief session adjourned. Those present were: Katherine and Gretchen Wood, Anita Laue, Mary Cook, George Kehl, Bayless Gullette and Ralph Cook.

Missionary Society.
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church held their weekly Bible study at the church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The subject studied was a whole chapter of Leviticus. This was followed by a song. Those present were: Mesdames Burnett, Shanks, Vollmer and Evans.

Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church held their monthly business meeting with Mrs. L. M. Wharton yesterday afternoon. At the conclusion of the lesson a social time was enjoyed, during which the hostess served a delicious refreshment course. Those present were: Miss Lee, Mesdames Hanson, Stone, Cox, Edgar, Adams, Clark, Butler, Lattig, Ramsay, Hopkins and the hostess.

Dance.

Those attending a delightful dance at the Latin American Club last evening were: Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Wormser, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodriguez, Misses Eudelia Rodriguez, Evelyn Rodriguez, Cuca Rodriguez, Courtney Crutchfield, Ozema Gutierrez, Minnie Anderson and guest of San Antonio, Paca Martinez, Miss Martinez, Luisa Martin, Emma Jordan, Stella Rosenbaum, Lupe Rodriguez, Miss Gonzalez, Miss Garcia, Miss Salinas; Messrs. Julio Rodriguez, Humberto Rodriguez, J. A. Rodriguez, Percy Booth, Peter Leyendecker, Jr., Fidel Gonzalez, Grover Nye, George Lang, T. Flores, Riesca, Napoleon, Fletcher, John Harlan and Izaguirre.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight partly cloudy; warmer. Thursday unsettled.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 83 degs.

Min. temp. 50 degs.

General direction of wind: North-east.

Cloudy.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of gripe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.

TO RELIEVE CAR SHORTAGE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Drastic regulations drawn up by the Interstate Commerce Commission with a view to solving the car shortage problem, with particular reference to coal cars, are to be put into effect today. The new rules provide, among other things, for the forwarding to destination of foreign cars under load and the prompt handling of empty foreign cars. In the case of coal cars it is believed that the strict enforcement of the new rules will help materially to bring about a reduction of the present high prices of coal.

About Constipation.

Certain article of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a move- ment of the bowels. When the bow- els are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

PERSONALS

J. E. McEnery of the San Antonio Paper Company, is in the city.

Davis McGown left last night for Chicago on a short business trip.

Max Deutz of San Antonio is in the city on a short business visit.

Judge C. C. Thomas and Woodlief Thomas of Cotulla, arrived in the city yesterday.

Miguel de la Garza, treasurer of Jim Hogg county, is in the city for a visit to relatives.

W. E. Schmidt of the Graham Paper Company, is in the city on one of his regular visits.

Mrs. Isadore Cayce of Corpus Christi, is in the city visiting Mrs. Sam Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris of Wichita, Kansas, are in the city the guests of Mr. B. F. Roberts.

James O'Keefe of the G. M. H. Wagner & Sons of Chicago, is a guest at the Bender.

Mrs. Ernest L. Anderson and baby of San Antonio are in the city for the celebration.

E. Cousineau, father of Engineer "Jake" Cousineau is in the city for a short visit. Mr. Cousineau is at present making his home at Robstown.

H. O. McCorquodale of the Stude- baker automobile factory, is in the city for a short visit in the interest of his company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Harris of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday to spend the celebration as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Maness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Delling of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday to remain until after the celebration. They are stopping at the Hamilton.

Gen. Jacinto B. Treviño, formerly chief of staff of the Carranza govern- ment arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Peña hotel.

Mrs. Roberts and children, family of Mr. B. F. Roberts, manager of the Strand Theatre, will arrive here to- morrow from San Antonio to join Mr. Roberts and make this city their fu- ture home.

BENDER:—H. S. Blumenthal, St. Louis, Mo.; R. Lloyd, Corpus Christi; J. S. Ferguson, Mexico; Mrs. R. Brenner, Wichita, Kan.; Chas. Cunn- ingham, Dallas; Mrs. L. Smith, Swick, S. D.; M. Garlock, Minneapolis, Minn.; M. Swelly, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Koppel, Mr. Friend, R. L. Amos, L. S. Smal, San Antonio; James O'Keefe, Chicago; Will Howitz Jr., Dallas; S. M. Michaels, A. Mock, New Orleans, La.; J. Hollingsworth, Dallas; A. B. Clark, New Orleans, La.; C. J. Black- well, J. B. Brooks, Alice.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1801—Cardinal Newman, famous Eng- lish churchman, noted writer, born.
- 1813—The British captured Sagena- burgh, N. Y.
- 1821—Charles Scribner, great Amer- ican publisher, founder of Scribner's Magazine, born; died August 6, 1871.
- 1852—Brander Matthews, eminent man of letters, one of the fore- most American authorities on dramatic literature, born at New Orleans.
- 1853—Coinage of three-dollar gold pieces authorized by U. S. Gov- ernment.
- 1871—Act approved, creating a legis- lative assembly and providing a government for the District of Columbia.
- 1891—Gen. William T. Sherman buried at St. Louis.
- 1905—Berea College, Ky., fined \$1,000 for teaching whites and ne- groes in same school.
- 1905—Explosion in mine near Bir- mingham, Ala., killed 160 peo- ple.
- 1910—Pasha Ghali, Egyptian Pre- mier, died from assassin's wound.
- 1912—Great fire at Houston, Tex.; property loss, \$7,000,000.
- 1914—Prince William of Wied ac- cepted the throne of the newly- formed kingdom of Albania; abdicated, and joined the Ger- man army at the beginning of present war.
- 1914—The U. S. Senate ratified the general treaties of arbitration with Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Italy and Japan.
- 1915—THE WALK: The American steamship Evelyn was sunk by a mine.
- 1916—THE WAR: After three days' bombardment on 32-mile front northwest, north, northeast, and east of Verdun, the Germans under Crown Prince Frederick launched their historic on- slaught on the French trenches, 300,000 men taking part in the assault on the French trenches west of the Meuse. British House of Commons votes war credit of \$2,100,000,000, bring- ing total war credits up to \$10, 000,000,000. Germans capture front of 875 yards of trenches in Artois, France.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qual- ities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had ter- rible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Re- medy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

WILSON WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR MORE AUTHORITY TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS

Will Go Before Congress Prior to Adjournment and Tell Mem- bers of the Situation, Although His Statement will not be Made Public Previously, But will not Ask for War Declaration.

MILITARY TRAINING IS WORRYING WILSON

WHILE NOT ENDORSING EITHER OF THE BILLS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS, HE SUP- PORTS PRINCIPLES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson is studying measures aimed to bring about universal military training and is understood to be anxious to find some plan he can sup- port. It is understood that while he is not endorsing either the senate military bill or the one prepared by the war department he believes in the general principles involved.

WUOLD IMPROVE MARKETING CONDITIONS.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The im- provement of conditions for the marketing of farm produce is the leading topic slated for discussion at the annual convention of the Nation- al Farmers' Association, which met in this city today and will continue in session until Saturday. The organi- zation is composed of persons actual- ly engaged in agricultural and the convention is attended by members from nearly every section of the country. C. D. Resler, of Chanute, Kas., is the president of the associa- tion and the presiding officer of the convention. The secretary is I. M. Wright of Waukesha, Wis.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO AT- TEND.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—All arrangements were perfected today for two elaborate celebrations to be held in the capital in honor of the 185th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The observance of the anniversary promises to be the most notable of its kind held here in many years.

The first of the public celebrations will be conducted under the joint auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revo- lution and Sons of the American Revolution. President Wilson has in- dicated his intention of attending the exercises, which are to be held tomorrow morning in Memorial Con- tinental Hall. Guests of honor are to include the French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, and special in- vitations have been extended to the diplomatic corps, cabinet officers, congressmen, the justices of the Su- preme Court and others prominent in public life.

Addresses are to be made by Sen- ator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio and Gen. Louis W. Stotesbury, adjutant gen- eral of the State of New York. The invocation is to be delivered by Rev. Dr. George McGrew, chaplain of the Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, while the ben- ediction is to be pronounced by Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, chaplain of the Sons of the Revolution of the Dis- trict of Columbia. The musical fea- tures of the program will be furnis- hed by the United States Marine Band.

The second celebration of the day is to be held under the auspices of the local assembly of the Knights of Columbus. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is to preside over the exercises and the principal oration will be delivered by Morgan J. O'Brien, former judge of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own re- medy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle to-day. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

An Appeal For Accommodations.

There are already a great many vis- itors in the city and many more are coming and we need every available room in the city in order to take care of our visitors, so please phone No. 41 or send word of anything you have to offer in the lodging line to City Marshal Brennan's office in the City Hall, so that same can be listed.

THE COMMITTEE.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

COLOMBIAN TREATY NOT TO BE RATIFIED

SENATE COMMITTEE DECIDES THAT IT CANNOT BE TAKEN UP AT THE PRESENT TIME.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate foreign relations committee has de- cided that the long-pending treaty to compensate Colombia for the par- tition of Panama could not be ratified at this session. The decision was reached after the letter of President Wilson urging the ratification was read.

LENTEN SEASON BEGINS.

New York, Feb. 21.—With the bless- ing and placing on the forehead of ashes, the Lenten season of 40 days of penance was ushered in today. It was Ash Wednesday. Throughout the metropolis, in Catholic, Episcopal and some of the Lutheran churches the day was observed with special services. In the Catholic churches special masses were said and sermons bearing on the season preach- ed. Previous to the mass, however, the ashes, made by burning the palms left over from last year, were bless- ed. After the mass they were dis- tributed.

COURT LEAGUE TO HEAR NOTED SPEAKERS.

New York, Feb. 21.—The board of managers of the World's Court League will hold a conference and dinner at the Hotel Biltmore to- morrow. In the morning the American Peace Society and other peace work- ers will confer. In the late afternoon there will be a joint conference of the World's Court League and rep- resentatives of other organizations. At the dinner addresses will be made by Congressman James L. Slayden of Texas, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, Prof. Anna Garland Spencer of Pennsyl- vania and James Brown Scott, pres- ident of the Neutrality Board and ad- viser to the State Department.

others were killed in the panic fol- lows aboard, setting the wreckage lowing and by the explosion of munifi- fire. The train jumped the track and telescoped.

British Ship Sunk.

London, Feb. 21.—The British sail- ing ship Centurion has been sunk and the crew landed, Lloyds announces.

Plymouth Port Closed.

London, Feb. 21.—It is officially an- nounced that the port of Plymouth has been closed until further notice to all ships except those of the allies. All other vessels entering the harbor are punishable under the defense of the realm act and are liable to deten- tion.

To Let Americans Go.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Turkey has assured Ambassador Elkus of its willingness to waive all restrictions upon the immediate departure of a thousand Americans gathered in the neighborhood of Beirut. It also guar- anteed American relief ships against interference by Turkish submarines.

Must Call at Allied Ports.

London, Feb. 21.—Unless vessels call at British or allied ports and show that they are not bound for enemy ports, they are liable to capture to determine whether they are carrying contraband of war to the enemy, according to an order in council dated Feb. 16.

Submarine Menace is Grave.

London, Feb. 21.—First Lord of the Admiralty Carsen today told the house of commons that the subma- rine menace has become grave and is yet unsolved. He said that in the first 18 days of February a total ton- nage of 268,000 was lost.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

Get rid of that tickling cough that seps you awake at night and drains our vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon re- lieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for gripe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle to- day at your Druggists, 50c.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson has virtually decided to ap- pear before congress prior to adjourn- ment March 4 to ask for additional authority to protect American sea- men and ships against the German submarine menace. Indications are that he will make an address late this week or early next week. Mr. Wil- son has decided what he will tell congress, but it has not been made public. Officials generally believe that sooner or later arms will be fur- nished American ships. It is em- phasized that when he appears in congress Mr. Wilson will not ask for a declaration of war. It is under- stood that the administration ulti- mately expects to break with Austria.

Many Vessels Sunk.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—A large number of vessels, among them an Italian trans- port crowded with men, have been sunk in the barred zone in the Medi- terranean during the past few days, the Overseas News Agency an- nounces. The agency says the other ships sunk include two armed steam- ers with important cargoes for Salo- niki, the Italian steamer Oceana, the French steamer Moventaux and the French sailing vessel Aphrodite.

List of Sunken Vessels.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The sinking of the following vessels is officially an- nounced: The Minas, February 16; the Skogland, Feb. 18; the Giuseppe, Feb. 18; the Guido, Feb. 19; the Rosalie, Feb. 20.

Two Thousand Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Approximately 2,000 persons were killed or injured in a recent railroad accident near Chiruchchi, northern Rumania, ac- cording to Moscow newspapers, says the Overseas News Agency. Five hundred were instantly killed and the

DANGER OF ANARCHY THROUGH COUNTRY

CHICAGO MAN WARNS RAIL- ROADS THAT EMBARGO ON EASTBOUND FREIGHT MUST BE PLACED.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—President J. P. Griffin of the Chicago Board of Trade today telegraphed the interstate com- merce commission and the presidents of Eastern railroads that unless an immediate embargo is placed on all products eastbound from Chicago ex- cept fuel and foodstuffs, the country will face the danger of anarchy and rioting.

A Million for Food.

New York, Feb. 21.—Informed by East Side housewives that their children are "starving to death by hundreds" because of the high cost of food, Mayor Mitchel today prom- ised a consideration of their plea that a million dollars be appropriated by the city to buy them food.

From Tuesday's Daily.

ANOTHER GERMAN SLANDER.

Count Reventlow, the German firebrand who has been censured so many times for his attacks upon everything American, has come out with another vile slander, this time of a man who has had the full confidence of the German imperial government during his service in Berlin—Ambassador Gerard.

Reventlow charges that Mr. Gerard abused his official position by sending important war information to the Entente powers via America. Just how the American ambassador could possibly secure any important war information, and how he could get it out of Germany, where every scrap of paper that left the country was subjected to the espionage of the German officials, is not plain. Any information available to Mr. Gerard would also be available to the Associated Press and other newspaper correspondents, and they were all eager to get hold of anything outside of the ordinary.

Reventlow also abuses the American newspapermen and expresses his thankfulness that Mr. Gerard has left Berlin. Perhaps he is no more thankful than Mr. Gerard and the newspapermen and others whose business called them to that country, and who have had to put up with the food requirements of the German government.

This unwarranted slander of a gentleman who has been shown marks of the highest consideration by the German emperor, and who, so far from giving out information, refrained from talking in any way about Germany while he was home on a vacation, will only rebound on the head of the man capable of such villainies.

It is certain that Count Reventlow does not stand as high in his own country as did Mr. Gerard, and that the latter was respected as a diplomat of the highest order, as well as a gentleman incapable of abusing his position in any manner.

A great deal has been said of the former German ambassador to Washington, and there is not the slightest doubt on the part of those familiar with the whole affair that Count von Bernstorff actually did abuse his position to do injury to the country to which he was accredited. Diplomatic immunity, as well as the desire to do everything possible to retain the friendship of Germany, perhaps had something to do with the case, but it is certain that Von Bernstorff been accredited to England while Germany and the United States were at war, the German ambassador would have found himself on his way home before he realized what it was all about.

Things are daily coming to light which prove that the German embassy in this country, as well as several German consulates, were not only in conspiracy against the people of the United States, and that nothing was left undone to do the maximum of harm to the American government, even though the American government was seriously compromised and American citizens were injured.

A country which could approve some of the acts of which the German ambassador was undoubtedly guilty while the official representative of his emperor in this country has little to commend in others.

One of our troubles in our diplomatic intercourse with other nations, especially the older and more decadent nations, is that we are too confiding, too willing to accept protestations of friendship at their face value.

We have frequently had our confidence abused because we have believed that other countries were living up to the traditions of nobility and honor, and we were loath to believe that any country could so mistreat a friendly nation as to spy into governmental affairs, or hide behind diplomatic immunity to commit crimes.

Unless the world grows better we may some day have to adopt the same methods or lose in the great international game of bluff. But most of us would rather lose than to gain by underhand methods or by assassination.

UNWARRANTED PRICES.

From time to time we are informed by those "on the inside" that the price of ordinary shoes will go to \$20 within another year, and they quote the awful waste of leather in war as being responsible.

The same was predicted of wheat, yet within the next few months the price of wheat has dropped so suddenly as to catch some of the unwary operators and relieve them of their spare cash.

About a year ago the news print paper prices went soaring, and the jobbers took occasion to predict 10-cent paper within a short time. The use of wood pulp for cellulose to make explosives was urged as the reason why there was such a shortage of print paper, yet the manufacturers were forced to acknowledge in the recent investigation that there is really more paper and paper stock than we have ever had in this country.

The thing resolves itself into a deliberate plan to rob the people under the pretext that the war has prevented the manufacture of normal supplies of daily necessities, and it is likely that a probe of the shoe and leather business would demonstrate that there is no real shortage, and that the prices inflicted upon the public have no warrant in actual conditions.

The prices of many articles of food have been raised beyond the reach of many of the poorer people, yet the advance in the wholesale cost has been but ten to twenty per cent, while the retail advance has in some cases been as great as 200 per cent.

It is becoming more and more evident that we need a benevolent despotism to regulate food prices and to prevent the barefaced robbery of the consumers.

When the wholesale price of an ar-

title advances 10 cents a hundred-weight, we may expect an advance of one cent a pound in the retail price. But when the wholesale advance of 10 cents a hundredweight leads to an advance of 5 cents a pound retail anyone is apt to recognize the "nigger in the woodpile."

There are articles of daily consumption now sold in Laredo at an advance of 100 per cent, while the advance in wholesale price has not been more than 20 per cent. This indicates that the retailer is working overtime in his price-fixing.

Some of the articles have advanced still higher in a wholesale way, yet the retail advance is not any greater. Beans have advanced from \$2.50 a bushel to as high as \$6; consequently beans which formerly sold at 10c a quart might well be expected to be 25c a quart. Yet the price of beans has not been beyond 12 cents a quart in many places.

But some of the articles which cost but little more to the retailer have been sold at prices which indicate a profit of more than 200 per cent, and this is where the consumer begins to "smell a rat."

Probably there will be an investigation of food prices before the congress adjourns for the summer, for there is every indication that a special session of the new congress will be called.

The print paper investigation resulted in a prompt retreat of the men who had been enriching themselves at the expense of the printers, and if the same "inducements" were held out to the wholesale and retail grocers of the country, undoubtedly it would result in a sudden scaling of prices to the consumer.

There is little purchased by the average American consumer that comes from abroad. Tea and coffee, some of the sugar, the spices and a few other articles come from other countries, and there is nothing surprising in an advance in the prices of those articles.

But flour, cornmeal, potatoes, lard, beans, peas, tomatoes, onions, and most everything that the common people use in their daily bill of fare have risen beyond the reach of many. And it is not only the "food trust" that is profiting by the advance in prices. In many cases it is the local dealer who gets the biggest share of the advance.

Five steamers from the war zone have reached New York safely. The pitcher that goes too often to the well gets broken, but it may be that the German threats were only a bluff so far as we are concerned.

The refusal of the British government to permit the manufacture of big shells for our navy has forced our government to give the contracts to American firms. And they will be safer here than across the water. The shells would have to be imported before used, and their convicts.

The British people came forward with 700,000,000 pounds—three and a half billions—without counting what the banks gave. This shows that the British people are very generous—or are realizing at last what war means.

A plucky French liner fought with a German submarine for thirty minutes and finally sank the submersible. If some of the other vessels would do the same they would fare better. A submarine is not more invulnerable than a steamship.

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS
TODAY.

FEBRUARY 20
General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, right-hand man of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-chief of the British forces on the western front, is 53 years old today. Gen. Rawlinson, known to his men as "Rawley," is to Field Marshal Haig what Sherman was to Grant and Jackson was to Lee. Officers of the same generation in the old British regular army, they have known each other for nearly thirty years, played polo together and fought side by side in India, Egypt and South Africa. During the great offensive on the Somme, Gen. Rawlinson, then Commander of a division, directed the operations of one of the armies under Haig's general command, and for the brilliant leadership then displayed by him, was made a general in the New Year's list of military promotions, when Gen. Haig himself rose from that rank to that of Field Marshal. With his chief, he is now taking an active part in the renewed offensive on the Somme, which recently resulted in the capture of Sailly-Saillies by the British.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 20
1780—The British under Gen. Clinton invaded South Carolina.
1846—The first Legislature of Texas under the United States met at Austin; Gen. Henderson was elected the first Governor.
1867—Princess Royal Louise of England, Duchess of Fife, sister of King George, born.
1868—The present King of Bavaria, Ludwig III, married to the Archduchess Maria Theresa of Austria-Este.
1878—Cardinal Pecci elected Pope with name of Leo XIII.
1895—The Cuban Revolution began.
1911—The Federal General Navarro captured Guadalupe, Mexico, forcing Madero to retreat.
1912—President Taft, nominated Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey for Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, to succeed Justice Harlan.
1915—Panama-Pacific International Exposition opened at San Francisco; closed Dec. 4, 1915, the total attendance having been 18,871,957.
1916—Two hundred persons made homeless by fire in tenement district in Passaic, N. J. Dr. Henry Baird Pavill, prominent Chicago physician and publicist, died; born Madison, Wis., Aug. 14, 1860.
THE WAR:
1915—British and French warships continue bombardment of Dardanelles, reporting the silencing of several Turkish forts; Constantinople reports the sinking of British ships in the entrance to the straits.
1916—German seaplane over Lowestoft and Walmer. German Zeppelin brought down by French automobile anti-aircraft gun near Revigny, France. Germans continue bombardment on an unprecedented scale of the French positions at Verdun.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Has Their Names.

The government has the names of five thousand persons who have shown pernicious activity from time to time since the beginning of the European war. They are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific and some of them are in Texas—Temple Telegram.

We Fall For It.

In printing that publicity plate matter, the newspaper does not receive a cent, yet the man who makes the plate receives full pay. What fools we newspaper men be.—San Marcos Times.

Dehors Them.

Congressmen by a vote of 234 to 43 registered their opposition to the Senate's amendment of the postoffice appropriation bill transferring postmasters of the first, second and third class to the civil service classification. Since postmasters are considered exclusively patronage belonging to Representatives it is urged that Senators could well afford to favor the proposition. Should the amendment prevail Congressmen would be deprived of their most prized political asset.—Denison Herald.

Plenty of Money.

New York bankers are discussing the possibility of the United States being able to raise large amounts of money in case of war. They need not worry. The United States is rich and everything necessary for the conduct of a war can be obtained at home. Uncle Sam has met money troubles before and will again, if necessary.—Austin American.

Some Pests.

Yes, Tillie, we have all kinds of nuisances to put up with. There is the habitual reader of exchanges, who comes in every morning or so and takes charges of the daily papers just at the time we are trying to learn what is coming out in the leak probe, and what the belligerents are doing in the various theaters of war. We have with us also the fellow who takes his stand over our shoulder and reads the "copy" before it goes to the operator. I would be all the same to him if we were writing a letter to the wife or some other fellow's wife.—Brenham Banner-Press.

BIG FLOATS ARE ABOUT READY.

Promise to Be the Source of Much Praise When Seen in Grand Parade Thursday Afternoon.

The eleven gorgeous floats which are being constructed under the supervision of Mr. Cloonan, whose services were secured by the executive committee of the celebration, and which depict historical, allegorical and typical life scenes, are practically completed and when they are seen in the grand street pageant of Thursday afternoon people will be amazed at their splendor and beauty.

The executive committee and Mr. Cloonan have devoted considerable attention to the making of the parade this year one of the grandest and most appropriate in the history of the celebrations here, and when the people of Laredo and many visitors behold the fruit of their labors the committee will be the recipients of many words of commendation. The commendation. The committee has had many unavoidable obstacles placed in their path this year, but notwithstanding all these they are determined to make up for shortcomings by having the parade feature a credit to Laredo and Laredo people.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

RELIEVE FLORIDA TROOPS

OF THE RIVER PATROL WORK

BOYS COMING IN TO PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE FOR HOME.

Ninth Infantry and Fourteenth Cavalry Detachments Will Take Up Patrol Work of the Guardsmen.

The orders received at brigade headquarters in Laredo ordering the Second Florida Infantry to prepare for departure for their state camp for demobilization caused a transmission of the orders to all detachments of that regiment in outlying districts on patrol duty, with instructions to return to their camp in Laredo immediately. To relieve them in the patrol work several companies of the Ninth Infantry were dispatched from the Ninth Infantry Camp this morning, together with one troop of the Fourteenth Cavalry.

With the departure of the Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment for Fort Riley, Kansas, today, and the going of the Florida regiment in a few days, the last vestige of the national guardsmen will have disappeared from the Laredo camp. At one time there was a large contingent of the national guard of different states stationed in Laredo, viz: First, Second, Third and Fourth Missouri Infantry regiments and units, First Missouri Cavalry, Missouri Signal Corps Company, First New Hampshire Infantry and units, Second Maine Infantry and units, Second Florida Infantry and units, and four troops of the Fourth Texas Cavalry, all of them national guards, and in addition to these there were a regiment of coast artillery and the two batteries of the Sixth Field Artillery of the regulars, all of which have since been recalled.

As a result of the coming here of the national guardsmen Laredo has secured a number of new citizens, for quite a few of the guardsmen have become enamored with Laredo, her people and her climate and have decided to cast their lots here, some receiving their discharge prior to the departure of their regiments for the home stations, and others intending to come back here just as soon as they arrange business affairs in their former home places.

The Garden of Knowledge.

Screenland's Supreme Sensation will be shown at the Star Theatre (formerly "The Principal") February 21, 22 and 23. Adults only.

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GEN. VILLAREAL BOUND OVER.

Charged With Violation of Neutrality Laws; Two Felicistas Also Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Foster the examining trial of General Geronimo Villareal, arrested on a charge of violation of the neutrality laws and setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly nation, was held. Villareal was bound over to the federal grand jury in a bond of \$1,500, which he furnished and was released until the April term of federal court in this city.

Silvestre Perez and Luis Molano, two men who were captured at Zapata after the battle near that place with Florida troops, were also given a preliminary hearing on a charge of violation of the neutrality laws and each bound over to the federal grand jury in bond of \$1,000, which they were unable to furnish and were remanded to jail.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved. Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of gripe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointments or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.

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McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble."

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

LITTLE LOCALS

The news of the death of General Frederick Funston, commander of the Department of the South, came as a thunderbolt to the Texas National Guard, for they all liked him—he was a man who had favored the Texas boys in many ways and paid them many compliments for being real soldiers. As a military officer the responsibility placed on him by the war department showed the implicit trust placed in General Funston.

—When you want a better battery and better service go to YEARY.

—All kinds of decorating material, festooning, flags, tissue papers of all colors, crepe paper, confetti, etc. A. Saft, Cor. Hidalgo street and San Bernardo ave., phone 407.

—The eighteenth annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary begins in Laredo tonight, when the city will be brilliantly illuminated by garlands of tri-colored incandescents on buildings and at the intersections of streets and also midway in the blocks, and the carnival will be in full blast.

—Let us fix your Auto top. One-Man Tops our Specialty. Full stock materials always on hand. Laredo Auto Sales Company.

—Autos painted; work guaranteed. Jose Vasquez at Fidel Cantu's, phone 202.

—With the departure of the Fourth Missouri Infantry regiment today Laredo lost another military band which provided entertainment for thousands of people while they were here, as during the summer season the Fourth Missouri Band delighted all who heard their selections. The band also furnished music for the reception tendered Ambassador Fletcher.

—Eastern Hair Shop, Room 208, Laredo National Bank building. Phone 147 for appointment.

—Polishes of all kinds. Brass, nickel and silver. Laredo Auto Sales Company.

—Several hundred excursionists are expected to reach here tomorrow afternoon from Corpus Christi and intermediate points, while another large number of celebration visitors will arrive here on Thursday morning's train from San Antonio and intermediate points to take in the big parades on that date.

—Metal tool boxes with suit case locks; regular \$3.50 value now \$2.50 while they last. Laredo Auto Sales Company.

—The following deed has been filed for record with the county clerk: Alfonso Ochoa to J. W. Falvela and wife, Carrie V. Falvela, west two-thirds of lots 4, 5 and 6, block No. 600, E. D. Consideration, \$525.

—Doctors Wilson & Stafford, DENTISTS. Crown and bridge work, pyorrhea and diseases of the gums a specialty. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746.

A RED TUBE FREE WITH EVERY TIRE SOLD FOR CASH. Laredo Auto Sales Company.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through this port yesterday afternoon: One car of salt peter, one car of antimony, one car of xite, one car of skins and ten carloads of zinc.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg. Times of day.

—In the probate court yesterday afternoon the will of Mrs. Amada Villareal, deceased, was admitted to probate. The executor is George F. Villareal.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

—Tomorrow being Ash Wednesday, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 9 o'clock—in the morning, and the Litany at 7:30 in the evening. Friday, Litany at 5 p. m. The various chaplains of the forces stationed in Laredo will assist in the Lenten services.

—Everything for your Automobile. One and same price to all. Laredo Auto Sales Company.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials.

LAWRENCE LEYENDECKER HURT

Had Four Toes Taken Off Right Foot and Suffered injuries to Head and Back This Morning.

B. J. Leyendecker received a telegram from Alice this forenoon advising him that his son, Lawrence Leyendecker, chief clerk of the Texas-Mexican railway at that place had met with a serious accident by being run over by a train this morning, four toes being cut off the right foot, the young man being bruised also about the head and back. No details of the accident were given.

Mr. and Mrs. Leyendecker left on a special train for Alice this afternoon and will bring their son here for medical treatment. The many friends of the young man in Laredo sincerely hope his injuries are not as serious as at first reported.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

MISSOURI REGIMENT LEFT FOR DEMOBILIZATION CAMP

FOURTH MISSOURI INFANTRY NOW ON ITS WAY HOME.

Last of the Four Missouri Regiments Which Came Here Last June Left Laredo for Home Today.

The Fourth Missouri Infantry Regiment, together with the Fourth Missouri Band and regimental headquarters, hospital and ambulance companies, in command of Colonel John D. McNealy, which has been stationed in Laredo since early last June, today took its departure for Fort Riley, Kansas, where demobilization will take place and the various companies will return to their home stations in various portions of the state of Missouri.

The regiment left here today on special trains traveling in three sections, the first section, with Colonel McNealy and staff and a number of the men, leaving at 10 o'clock, the second departing a little after noon and the last section rolling out about 2:30. The regiment will reach Fort Riley about Friday morning.

This morning at about 5 o'clock Co. C, First United States Engineers, paid a farewell compliment to Colonel McNealy and staff, when they fired aerial bombs at Camp Missouri, the detonations of the shells being heard throughout the city in the early morning and the brilliant spray from the bursting rockets illuminating the entire northern part of the city in the vicinity of Camp Missouri. When the first section carrying the Missouri headquarters this morning pulled out Colonel McNealy, having one of the aerial guns on the rear platform of the train, fired a farewell to Laredo and the people and then put the gun off the train at the "Y" in the northern portion of the city.

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

WILL BEGIN IN LAREDO WITH ILLUMINATION OF CITY.

Thursday is the Real Big Day of the Annual Event and Interesting Program is Planned.

Laredo has put on gala attire in preparation for the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary, and while the celebration this year will not be on as elaborate a scale as in former years, owing to circumstances that could not be overcome following the procrastination in getting the movement launched, February 22 will be the banner day of the celebration, with street pageants and other interesting features interspersing the program.

Tonight the full illumination effect of the city will be in evidence and myriads of tri-colored incandescents will give the city a patriotic appearance by night. During the daytime the city is resplendent in its galaxy of flags and bunting interwoven into attractive designs or fluttering from mastheads. Tomorrow the martial strains of melody will pervade the air and an animation generally will prevail that will smack of the holiday spirit.

The ordering-away of the Missouri and Florida national guard troops just prior to the time when the celebration was to begin has contributed in detracting considerably from the proposed big military parade and the athletic and field day exercises of the military forces. The Ninth Infantry regiment, ordered at the eleventh hour to take the places of the Florida regiment in river patrol work, has further decimated the participation of the military in the celebration, while the death of General Funston has cast a pall over that branch of the government service and is keenly felt in military circles.

The civic parade on Thursday afternoon promises to be one of the grandest pageants of its kind ever witnessed here, while the carnival attractions, band concerts, "jamaica" and other features will stimulate the program to be carried out on February 22nd.

Band Concerts Furnished EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK

TWO LAREDO BANDS, NINTH INFANTRY AND FLORIDA TO PLAY

Music Committee Has Arranged For Concerts on Principal Plazas and Front of City Hall.

Following is the list of concerts which will be rendered in the various plazas and in front of the City Hall during the celebration, the concerts beginning tomorrow evening:

Ninth United States Infantry Band—Wednesday evening, Martin Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m. Thursday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Friday evening, Martin Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m.

Second Florida Infantry Band—Wednesday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10:15 p. m. Thursday evening, Martin Plaza 8 to 10:30 p. m. Friday evening, Jarvis Plaza, 8 to 10 p. m.

Banda Laredo—Thursday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Juvenile Band—Tuesday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, City Hall, 8 to 10:30 p. m.

Attention Knights of Pythias. Aztec Lodge No. 111, Knights of pythias, will celebrate the 54th anniversary this evening at eight o'clock. There will be work in the second degree. The evening will be concluded with a banquet at the Ross Hotel. Every member is urged to attend. J. E. APPLEWHITE, C. C.

A. Ritter & Co.

Blacksmith and Machine Shop

Horse shoeing A Specialty

Corner Farragut St. and Convent Ave.

LAREDO ICE FACTORY

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Pure Crystal Ice and Distilled Water

Delivered to any part of the city.

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International Electrical Co.

Opposite Horner's Drugstore 606 SALINAS AVE.

Supplies of all kinds Wiring a specialty

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ANNOUNCEMENT

of the arrival of the Fall Stock ladies and growing misses

QUEEN QUALITY FOOTWEAR

Beautiful and dainty styles. Cost no more than inferior shoes elsewhere.

SAFT'S

UP-TO-DATE BOOT SHOP

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ChoiceMeat

First stall south side of city market

REFRIGERATED BEEF RECEIVED DAILY

NARCISO ALANIS PHONE 681

John O. Buenz Lumber Co.

DEALERS IN

LUMBER, SHINGLES, DOORS,

BLINDS, LATHS, ETC.

Builders' Hardware and all kinds of

Roofing; also, Planing Mill in connection.

WATCH

OUR SHOW WINDOWS

Special decorations for Washington's Birthday.

Everything in dining room and kitchen furnishings.

CENTRAL HARDWARE STORE

PHONE 664

THE LATEST SONG HITS

15 AND 25 CENTS

LAREDO NOVELTY CO.

1214 LINCOLN ST.

Frank Barthelow

Manufacturer of

Soda water and all kinds of MINERAL WATERS

Agent San Antonio Brewing Ass'n.

PERSONALS

Alfred Murphy of Brownsville is in the city visiting his mother.

Ben Tumlinson of Duval county is in the city for a few days visit.

Burt Mitchell of San Antonio is a visitor in the city.

J. O. Naylor of the Alamo Printing Co. of San Antonio, is among the many excursionists in the city.

Eli T. Merriman of Corpus Christi is among the visitors here for the celebration.

Fred B. Robinson, vice-president of the Waco Times-Herald, was one of the visitors here for the celebration.

Will Davis, E. C. Shelton and Perry Born of Crystal City were among the many visitors here for the celebration.

Aug. C. Richter returned home yesterday from New York where he spent several weeks buying for his large department store.

Edmund Jericho Moser, who has been attending the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., returned home this morning. Besides looking more "metropolitized," Ed is in good health and ready to go back to work as manager of Moser's Store.

BENDER:—George H. Hayns, Wisconsin; G. G. Knight, Chicago; Geo. F. Burgers, Galveston; C. P. Stafford, U. S. Parkett, San Antonio; Miss Anna May Dugan, Wm. Hogendenny, Corpus Christi; J. H. Zettl, New York; George Pottolito, Dallas; Jesus de Leon, Dallas; W. F. Wells, St. Louis; L. S. Everett, Fort Worth; John H. Patterson, San Antonio; F. E. Lane, Rochester, N. Y.; W. L. Bryan, Houston; A. C. McCargo, Fort Worth; C. W. Stewart, El Paso; A. H. Elfe, L. W. McCarley, Valley Wells; Geo. D. Duckert and wife, Brownsville; E. F. Haling, San Antonio; J. H. Reed, Omaha, N. Y.; J. E. Strong, Sterling, Ill.; W. L. Bryan, Houston; John K. Patterson, San Antonio; Raymond Smith, Temple; L. M. Rivero, Jose Rustru, Monterey.

NEW BANK IS ORGANIZED.

Merchants State Bank & Trust Co., Elects Directors and Officers and Soon to Begin Business.

With a total of 164 stockholders, representing some of the most prominent men in this immediate section of the state, and mostly from the city of Laredo, the Merchants State Bank & Trust Co., with a capitalization of \$125,000, was organized in this city on Wednesday and will soon begin a general banking business in the new building being erected for the institution at the corner of Convent Avenue and Lincoln street by August C. Richter.

At the meeting Wednesday the stockholders elected the following board of directors to serve for the ensuing year: John Armengol, S. E. Garcia, (Hebronville), B. G. Salinas, Shelby Theriot and Leopoldo Villagas. The directors met immediately thereafter and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Leopoldo Villagas, president; John Armengol, vice-president; G. E. Langford, former bank examiner, cashier; M. Garcia, (Hebronville), assistant cashier.

Some of the largest and most representative business men of Laredo are included in the stockholders and board of directors of the new banking institution, and therefore it will be launched under the most auspicious conditions. The new bank will open for business in the new building erected especially for it some time between March 15 and April 1.

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Corns Loosen Off With Magic "Gets-It"

3 Drops Do the Work, Painlessly.

"I tell you, before I heard of 'Gets-It' I used to try one thing after another for corns. I still had them. I used bandages and they made my



corns drive you mad. Try 'Gets-It' and they'll feel right off!

too so big it was murder to put on my shoe. I used salves and other things that ate off more of the toe than they did the corn. I'd cut and dig with knives and scissors, but now no more fooling for me. Two drops of 'Gets-It' did all the work. It makes the corn shrivel and get so loose that you can just pick it right off with your fingers!

There has been nothing new discovered for corns since 'Gets-It' was born. It's the new way—the common-sense, simple, sure way—'Gets-It' is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

"Sold in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by the Peoples Pharmacy."

C. C. Horner.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

The Laredo Choral Club will meet with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh will entertain with an informal farewell reception for Col. and Mrs. Durfee from four o'clock in the afternoon until six o'clock at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Saturday.

The Children's Choral Club will meet at Elks Hall at ten o'clock in the morning with Mrs. Loring.

The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Vera Lang at a quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Boy Scouts will meet at the club room of the Methodist church at half after seven o'clock in the evening.

What I Live For.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

General Mention.

Mrs. Helen Wotten and Mrs. John Brown and mother of San Antonio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Forsythe.

Mrs. H. M. Rosenbaum and baby expect to leave tomorrow on their return to their home in Dallas, after a short visit here to Mrs. Rosenbaum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Goodwin.

Mrs. W. B. Heaner has as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. Mary Wright of Austin.

Miss Isadore Taylor arrived on Wednesday from San Antonio to join her mother, Mrs. H. M. Taylor, and will remain for a few days' visit to Mrs. G. W. Derby.

Mr. W. B. Heaner returned today from a two weeks' trip in the western part of the state.

Captain Pond has returned to Laredo from San Francisco to rejoin the Ninth Infantry.

Mrs. Edward Russell and Mrs. Fred Usalar and daughter, Miss Caroline, are among the visitors from San Antonio this week, and are the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Staben at Bella Vista.

Miss Mays of Austin, who has been the house-guest of Mrs. W. B. Heaner for the celebration, returned home today.

Messrs. Paul Elert and James Dugan from San Antonio were among the visitors in Laredo this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Staben.

Misses Mary Clopton and Florence Yeager of Hebronville are the guests of Mrs. A. E. Yeager.

Mr. and Mrs. Rox Shiremann of San Antonio are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Richter.

Miss Jannette Ackman of San Antonio is the house guest of the Misses Staben.

Mrs. M. R. Perron and children of San Antonio are the guests of Mrs. William Simpson.

Mrs. Alfred Keller and children of San Antonio are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Notzon.

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church.

The Womens' Auxiliary of Christ Church held its regular monthly meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer, followed by the singing of a hymn. The following program was given: Introductory Talk, Mrs. C. W. Cook Our Cure-All for Men. Mrs. W. W. MacGregor The Women's Side of the Church General Hospital, Wuchang. Mrs. Kehel "Precious Jewel Beggar-Baby," Mrs. Arthur The Red Ten Red Cross Work. Rev. C. W. Cook Why We Believe in Foreign Missions Mrs. MacKinney. All of these talks and papers were on the subject of China and the hospital work of the church there. The meeting closed with a song and benediction. The Guild will meet with Mrs. Reid Puster on Wednesday of next week, at half after three o'clock. Those present were: Mesdames Arkles, Arthur, Cook, Kehel, MacGregor, McKinney, Benny, Woods, Nye, Lee, Puster, Brewster, Woodman and Younklin.

Theatre Party.

Major and Mrs. W. T. Davidson entertained last evening with a box party at the Royal Theatre, followed by a delightfully informal supper party, honoring Miss Dorothy Forsythe of Fort Sam Houston, the charming house guest of Mrs. Rawson Warren. The personnel included Mrs. Warren, Misses Forsythe, Ruckman, Olive and Alice Gray, Captain Ingold, Lieutenants Herr, Bailey,

Whitley, Snyder, and the host and hostess.

Entertainments.

One of the pleasant affairs of the week was the delightful dinner dance at the Ninth Infantry Club on Tuesday evening. The Ninth Infantry Band furnished the music. Among those entertaining were Captain Whipple, who had as guests, Mrs. Dunbar, Misses Ethel and Myrtle Mackin, Theodora Gullette, Anne Wright, Anita Johnson, Ruth and Lucille Murphy, Marjorie Ruckman, Marguerite Nelson, Courtney Crutchfield, Lillian Westbrook, Dorothy Forsythe, Gladys Howell, and Major Crosby, Captains Pond, Woburne, Shramm and Castle, Lieutenants Gill, Carr, Street, Hemphill, Zerbe, Whitley, Hemphill, Garrison, and the host.

Major Switzer had as his guests, Major and Mrs. Rockanback, Captain and Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. Lobdell, Mrs. Warren, Judge and Mrs. H. W. Greer, Miss Courtney Slaughter, Colonel Blanding, and Mr. J. R. Lobdell. Captain Ingold and Lieutenant Snyder had as their guests, Major and Mrs. W. T. Davidson, Misses Olive Gray and Josephine Sauvignat.

Holding Institute.

Wednesday was a gala day for the institute. It had as distinguished guests at Chapel exercises Mrs. Hume R. Steele of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. L. P. Smith of Dallas, Texas. They were here as representatives of the Woman's Missionary Council in the interest of the school. Each had a helpful message for the students, and both expressed themselves as delighted with the work and management of the institution. After the regular chapel services, national airs were sung, and selections rendered by the school orchestra. Just before the students were dismissed, quite a surprise was sprung by presenting to the wife of the president a very handsome remembrance, the day being the anniversary of her birth. She is Mother to the institution, and the students and teachers wished to express their appreciation for her many kindness to them. In the evening, a reception was given to the teachers and students, with Mrs. Skinner as honor guest. A programme consisting of piano and vocal solos, and the knighting of Sir Galahad by a number of students, was rendered. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments consisting of dainty ices and cakes were served.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

BISHOP VINCENT 85 YEARS OLD.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—Bishop John H. Vincent, known the world over as the founder of the Chautauqua movement, received a flood of congratulations today on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday anniversary. Bishop Vincent was born at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1832, and began to preach at the age of eighteen. For many years he was the editor of the Sunday school publications of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He retired from the active duties of the episcopate in 1904.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Ry. will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 1, 1917, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,

Secretary.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 30, 1917.

MANY VISITED NUEVO LAREDO.

However, Many of the Visitors Objected to Being Vaccinated in Order to See Mexican City.

While in Laredo to see the celebration and being so near the Mexican boundary line, a number of visitors decided to venture over to Nuevo Laredo and go sight-seeing in the Mexican city over the way.

Several hundred excursionists took advantage of the opportunity afforded them to pay a short visit to Mexico, but when confronted with the proposition of the necessity of being subjected to vaccination quite a few objected and were turned back, while others submitted to being scratched with a vaccine point and made the trip. Some of the visitors claim that they had double vaccinations—being subjected to the treatment on both the American and Mexican side.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

FEBRUARY 23

1792—Sir Joshua Reynolds, one of the greatest painters of the celebrated 18th century English school, died in affluence in London, aged 69.

1847—Mexicans defeated by Gen. Taylor at Buena Vista; bombardment of Vera Cruz by Gen. Scott, resulting in surrender of city on Feb. 29.

1848—John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, died; born July 11, 1767, at Quincy, Mass.

1856—A freshet in the Ohio caused great destruction of property.

1861—Abraham Lincoln, President-elect, arrived in Washington, having secretly left Harrisburg the previous night to avoid a threatened assassination.

1900—London, Ontario, nearly destroyed by fire.

1910—National City Bank at Cambridge, Mass., closed because of a \$144,000 embezzlement.

1913—Francisco Madero, deposed President of Mexico, and former Vice-President Suarez were shot and killed by supporters of Huerta while being transferred to the penitentiary in Mexico City; the Madero family estates, valued at \$6,000,000 and including large land holdings in northern Mexico, confiscated by Huerta government.

1915—U. S. Senate passed army appropriation bill for \$103,000,000. Governor Boyle of Nevada signed the "Easy Divorce" bill.

1915—THE WAR: American steamer Carib sunk by mine in North Sea.

1916—THE WAR: Germans smash French lines on a twenty-mile front in advance on Verdun, reporting a general disorganization of the French advanced positions; a terrific bombardment prepares a further advance of the Teuton hosts. Lord Robert Cecil is appointed to new British office of War Trade, or Blockade, Minister. Portugal seized 36 German and Austrian merchantmen interned in her ports, the action being followed by an ultimatum and declaration of war from Germany on March 8. British Premier in House of Commons renewed declaration that Belgian and Serbian freedom must be secured before peace is discussed; British Secretary of the Colonies announced the complete conquest of 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight partly cloudy; colder. Saturday partly cloudy.

Local Weather Report.

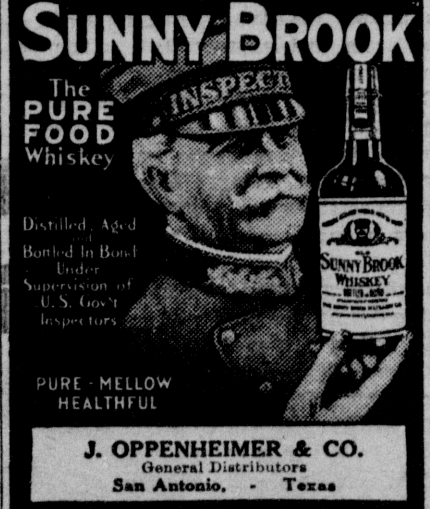
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 90 degs.
Min. temp. 56 degs.
General direction of wind: South.
Clear.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Sick Liver Causes Dizziness

Headache, biliousness, chronic constipation and muddy complexion are signs that your overworked liver needs Po-Do-Lax to take up a part of the burden. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy, a liquid laxative derived from the May-apple, a gentle liver stimulant that increases the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality carries off the impurities that have clogged the intestines and aids Nature to clear the blood. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 50c.



Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

GREAT BRITAIN BEGINNING TO FEEL THE NEED FOR HUSBANDING ALL FOOD SUPPLIES

British Urged to Increase Consumption of Home Products and to Refrain from Importing Non-Essentials—Hereafter Apples, Tomatoes and Fruits May Not Enter the Country.

WILSON TAKES OATH MARCH THE FOURTH

WILL CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE TO CONFIRM HIS RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 23.—It is definitely settled that President Wilson will take his new oath of office in private in the White House Sunday, March 4. It is undecided whether he will take it again at the public ceremony March 5, or merely make that the occasion for delivering his inaugural address.

To Consider Nominations.
Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson has decided to call an extra session of the senate March 5 to consider nominations, it is officially announced at the White House. The state department rules that the president need not take the oath until March 5 if he so chooses. The vice president may take the oath Sunday, March 4, or before.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23.—The submission resolution is set for final consideration in the house Tuesday.

COLDER TONIGHT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 23.—Colder tonight, says the weather bureau.

FOR MISUSE OF MAIL.

By Associated Press.
Dallas, Texas, Feb. 23.—W. J. Carroll, former Johnson county school superintendent, today was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth penitentiary for alleged misuse of the mails. A motion for a new trial was overruled, and the attorneys will appeal the case. Bond was fixed at \$20,000. Carroll is alleged to have ordered supplies on county order blanks after leaving office.

MEETING OF ILLINOIS SCIENTISTS.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 23.—Knox College is entertaining for two days the tenth annual meeting of the Illinois Academy of Science. The opening session this afternoon was devoted to the annual reports of the officers. Tomorrow morning will be given over to a symposium discussion on public health problems.

LAST SALE OF INDIAN LANDS.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 23.—What will probably be the last sale of Indian lands in Oklahoma is scheduled to start tomorrow at Vinita. During the next two weeks a total of 324 tracts, scattered over the eastern counties of the State, will be disposed of by the Government. A considerable portion of the land is located in the oil district.

WAR PLANS OF SUFFRAGISTS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, one hundred members of the executive board of that organization and representatives of practically all of the States assembled in Washington today to formulate plans to use the organization for war service. The association, it is pointed out, with its membership of 2,000,000 distributed over the entire country, can be worked into a wonderful unit for aiding the government in a war campaign. The question is to be thoroughly discussed at the present conference, which will be brought to a close on Monday with a public meeting at which Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the organization, will be the principal speaker.

Prisoners Childrens Aid.

Rev. Sidney Love, secretary of the Texas Prisoners Childrens Aid Society, who with his estimable wife has been in Laredo for several days organizing a local branch of the society, reports that he has gained fifty members in Laredo and that Messrs. A. M. Bruni and M. Joseph have been appointed directors, subject to the approval of the directors at their meeting March 16. Mr. Bruni will have charge of the funds to be distributed for the relief of prisoners' families, while Mr. Joseph will investigate all petitions for relief.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 23.—Premier Lloyd George said in the house of commons today that the success of the allied cause depended on the ability to solve the tonnage shortage, which was now affecting the ordinary needs of the nation and military exigencies. He declared the situation called for the gravest measures.

The premier said there was no sure way to victory without hunting the submarines from the deep. He said an enormous sacrifice was necessary from the British public. He said that the government proposed to dispense with all non-essential importations to save tonnage. Great Britain's food stocks are lower than ever. It is essential for the life of the nation that every possible effort be made to increase home consumption, he declared. The premier said the importation of apples, tomatoes and fruits will be prohibited entirely.

Greece is Now Helpless.

Athens, Feb. 23.—January 14 in an interview with Associated Press King Constantine said it was "childish" to say that the Greek people were pro-German because they resent the treatment of the Entente powers. Americans or anybody else, he said would "resent the exceptionally severe measures taken by the Entente allies." The king said: "There is not enough food left in Greece to last a fortnight. The Belgians under German rule have not been rendered more helpless than we are in Greece today."

Bread Card Two Years Old.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The bread card celebrated its second anniversary today. From the chancellor down to the humble day laborer individual rations have been strictly enforced.

Sank Fishing Smacks.

London, Feb. 23.—Lloyds announces the sinking of two fishing smacks. The sinking of the *John Miles* is confirmed. The steamer *Wathfield* was submerged.

French Captured Prisoners.

Paris, Feb. 23.—In two surprise attacks on the German trenches last night on the heights of the Meuse, the French captured a score of prisoners, says today's official statement.

Crew Was Landed.

Queensdown, Feb. 23.—The British steamer *Invercoul* was submerged, but the crew was landed.

Received Order in Council.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The state department has received Great Britain's order in council widely increasing the scope of her blockade, but probably it will not be made the basis of official action by the United States in view of eventualities before this country.

American Missionary Killed.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Robert Allen Haden, an American Presbyterian missionary at Foochow, China, perished when the French liner *Athos* was submerged east of Malta February 17. Consul Kelbinger at Malta so advised the state department, saying that the missionary's address was given in care of the Presbyterian Mission Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 23.—Eight hundred selected boys from ninety different cities of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have gathered in Lowell to attend the 27th annual Older Boys' conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the two States. The conference will continue three days and will be addressed by several of the International officers and other Y. M. C. A. workers of wide prominence.

NEW HEAD OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Feb. 23.—Rev. Renwick H. Martin, who has been acting as president of Geneva College since the resignation of Rev. V. H. George last summer was formally inaugurated today. The exercises were attended by many of the leading clergymen and educators of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, with which denomination the college is affiliated.

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle to-day. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

FOOD SHORTAGE IS NOT THE TROUBLE

PLENTY OF FOOD IN ALL COMMODITIES AND SHORTAGE NOT CAUSE OF THE HIGH PRICES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 23.—No actual food shortage exists anywhere in the country and high prices should not be attributed to the present freight congestion, announce the interstate commerce commission and the railroad authorities. Reports indicate that all communities have stocks of living necessities and the rail tie-up will improve steadily.

Lewis' Remedy for Conditions.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Lewis of Illinois today introduced an amendment to the revenue bill, the provision authorizing the president to seize foodstuffs deemed to be monopolized in violation of the law and sell them at public auction under government supervision.

DAMAGE WAS \$20,000.

By Associated Press.
Ennis, Texas, Feb. 23.—A heavy hail storm and high wind last night did an estimated damage of \$20,000. Windows were broken and roofs, trees and greenhouses suffered heavily. The hailstones were unusually large.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Manager Jack Barry, Babe Ruth and Heine Wagner of the Red Sox are working out in the gym at Holy Cross college. The trio of star pastimers should prove of great benefit in the coaching of the college ball players.

American league club owners claim they have signed 85 per cent of their regulars and hold options on a sufficient number of Class AA and Class A players to recruit their respective teams to the player limit.

The Boston Braves seem to be up against it in the signing of their pitchers. All the regulars on the twirling staff of the Braves, including Rudolph, Allen, Hughes, Rogan, Reulbach, Nehf, Tyler, Barnes, James and Davis, have failed to sign contracts for the coming season.

Zach Wheat, of the Brooklyn Robins, is said to have made known his intention to definitely retire from the game if the Brooklyn club cuts his salary. Wheat owns a big ranch in Oklahoma and doesn't have to play ball for a living.

Should Captain Huston, one of the owners of the New York Yankees, carry out his reported plan to form a regiment of ball players, he would do well to call upon Chief Bender, Otis Crandall, Harry Davis and Christy Mathewson. These four pastimers form the class of crack shots among ball players.

Out of the Red.

The city of Brownwood makes the statement that it is out of the red. We judge by that that the city is out of debt. Brownwood, like Ballinger, is now laboring under the commission form of government, and the new way of doing things will be tried out. Ballinger can't say it is out of the red, and it may be several years before it can make that boast; but such things are possible under proper management, and it should be out of debt. Why should the public go bonded under a heavy load from generation to generation?—Ballinger Ledger.

About Constipation.

Certain article of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also as graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

From Saturday's Daily.

AFTER THE HORSE IS STOLEN.

It is apparent that only something of such gravity as the present submarine campaign could have aroused the British to the dangers of the situation as far as food supplies are concerned.

Premier Lloyd George has made the first public statement of the fact that the British leaders have recognized the danger that the British Isles may be cut off from outside sources of supply and be forced to place the entire population on a ration, something which, of course, should have been done long ago.

One reason for what success the Germans have met with is the complete system with which they tackle everything that comes up. Much of the system depends upon the willingness with which the common people obey the regulations of the war department but there has been little difficulty in enforcing even the most apparently absurd order.

Two years ago the German government found it necessary to husband every resource, not only of military supplies, but of the food supply of the entire nation. So far has the system been carried into effect that it is even alleged that some of the supplies sent the starving Belgians were converted to German army use in order that the supplies from home might last the longer.

France has of late also begun the restriction of food consumption, and the people of that country for some time past have been using the bread cards and meat cards which have become so familiar in Germany that the people would not know what to do without them.

But Germany has a purely paternal government, which the people have come to depend upon for support in time of need, and France is only slightly less so. Great Britain, on the other hand, is too democratic to submit to an enforced abstinence in food or drink without grumbling, if indeed the protest does not take a more serious form.

Yet it is certain that without some restrictions upon the consumption of food supplies, Great Britain will soon find herself in almost as great need as Germany. Canada has sent to the mother country the greater part of her surplus wheat; New Zealand is selling to no other country, either her wheat or her beef and mutton; the United States has been sending its final supply of wheat to the British, and we have no ships of our own to spare, while England's ships are daily lessening in number.

The proposition to cut off all imports of apples, tomatoes and fruits, and to permit nothing but the absolute essentials to come in may help a little, but already the reduced tonnage is overworked to carry supplies to the armies on the continent and to bring in food for the millions at home in England, Scotland and Ireland.

The demand abroad for our own food supplies has caused the prices to rise beyond all reason, and despite the statement issued by the interstate commerce commission that there is no food shortage anywhere in our country, still the prices keep up.

We may have troubles of our own before the food situation is improved, and the proposition of Senator Lewis of Illinois to give the president authority to seize all food deemed monopolized and sell it at public auction may become necessary before the people actually face starvation because of the exorbitant prices.

It seems abominable that a nation which produces so much of food should be forced to proceed against the food barons in order that the people may not be robbed or forced on short allowance. Yet that is what is promised soon if conditions do not change.

We feel sorry for England; we even feel sorry for the German people who have for two years been living on a ration that would seem inadequate to a Mexican laborer. But our first duty is to our own, and until our starving thousands are able to feed themselves, we should not help any other country, particularly a country which seems not able—or willing—to help itself.

DEPORTING THE BELGIANS.

Many of the pro-Germans throughout the country are making frantic efforts to justify the deportation of the Belgians by the German military authorities and the pet theory is that advanced by the aforesaid German authorities, which is to the effect that unless the Belgians were sent to Germany they would either starve or lead a vicious and idle life if permanently fed by the Red Cross, "thereby endangering the welfare and stability of the state."

This concern for the "welfare and stability" of Belgium does not square with past performances on the part of Germany. It is a notorious fact that the German colonies, while out-

wardly well managed, are conducted for the good of the German empire and the profit of the Germans who hold executive and administrative positions in them.

But to return to Belgium. The conditions there are solely due to the unwarranted invasion of a neutral country and the barefaced robbery of everything that made life worth living. Not only have the German soldiers confiscated all the food and all the materials which could be of use to the German army, but they have stolen and sent to Germany the statues, paintings and other works of art which might find a ready sale in their own country and thus add to the profits of the thrifty souls who cannot bear to see anything go to waste.

The factories capable of turning out military supplies have been seized by the German military authorities and in some cases the Belgian workmen, not being considered worthy of trust, have been replaced by Germans—civilians as well as soldiers—while the starving Belgians have been forced to live on the charity of the Americans and the British.

The German argument is that Belgium is a highly industrialized country dependent upon other countries for its raw materials, and therefore the blockade has prevented the continuance of industry. But it should also be remembered that Belgium has great coal mines, iron ores and materials for making glass, and that during the German occupation every ounce of these materials has either been worked up into finished products to be sent to Germany or else the raw materials have been sent to Germany, where the deported Belgians are now shipped to convert them into desired products.

But the worst feature of the Belgian deportation is that the workmen were the ones sent to Germany, leaving the women and children to be supported by the American Red Cross, to say nothing of the woes inflicted upon them by the forced separation from their natural protectors. No Belgian has been sent to Germany because he was unemployed, but on the contrary the pick of the workmen engaged in industrial occupations were chosen to lighten the burdens of the German workmen and permit more food for cannon to be sent into the field.

German acts no treaty obligations won't be international law, no treaty won't be international law, no treaty won't be international law. The one idea is to reap as much profit from the forced labor of these unfortunate Belgians, and no one who has read both sides of the story can fail to grasp the fact that the deportation of the Belgians is a cruel act, which will rebound on the heads of the Germans in years to come.

If the Belgians are unemployed, it is because of the unwarranted invasion of the German army. If thousands of Belgians are starving, it is because of the unwarranted robbery of the food supplies in order to eke out the failing supplies of the German army. If there are thousands of widows and orphans in Belgium, it is because of the terrible slaughter by the Germans of an inoffensive, neutral people, who were entitled to their freedom from assault and who had in the past shown much friendship to Germany.

Belgium is the victim, not the villain, in this tragedy of modern times. And the blood of every murdered Belgian cries out against the ruthlessness of the German campaign of frightfulness. The day will come when Germany will be seen in her true light, and when all the world will rise to wipe out such barbarous savages.

Good morning; have you asked for your bread ticket yet? If not, you soon may have to, according to the experience of other countries. And yet we sell abroad for less than we demand at home.

How would you like to be barred from buying apples, tomatoes and fruit? Yet that is what the British people are submitting to in order to win the war. And they may be on short rations at that.

An American Presbyterian missionary from China was one of the recent victims of the submarines. Yet we are waiting until there is some "real provocation!" Perhaps the unfortunate man was of the wrong denomination.

King Constantine says the Greeks are worse off than the Belgians under German rule. Well, whose fault is it? Certainly he has had opportunity enough to give his imperial brother-in-law all the help he could, as well as giving the allies the double cross. But the king himself will eat even if Wilhelm has to smuggle in a link or two of bologna to him.

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COMPLIMENTS FOR LAREDO.

Visitors Who Came Here Last Year and Again This Were Amazed at the Growth of This City.

"I believe that Laredo is more prosperous and doing more substantial building than any other city under 50,000 population in the state of Texas," said a newspaper man who visited Laredo this week to take in the Washington Birthday Celebration, and who was also here a year ago.

"I took an automobile ride about the city," he said, "and on every hand I saw evidences of prosperity—in the business district modern and substantial business houses, and in the residential section handsome and cozy-looking cottages and larger dwellings. Whenever one observes activity of this kind he then and there reaches the conclusion that that is the best criterion of the growth and prosperity of a community. And as Laredo is a logical gateway to the Mexican republic, there is no reason why its growth should not be as it is."

Many other similar compliments were heard from visitors who took advantage of their stay here and rode about the city to see the sights and note the great transformation through which Laredo has been passing the last few months and gradually becoming a modern city in all respects.

BUSINESS IS NORMAL AGAIN.

Rush Coincident With the Celebration Crowds Has Vanished and Conditions Again Normal.

Laredo business houses who were "thrown out of gear" by the unusual rush of business which came with the large number of excursionists who invaded the city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and who consequently visited many of the business houses in large numbers, are now back in the path of normal business and rearranging things in general.

Many of the business houses handling souvenir postcards and views, Mexican curios and similar effects which were sought by the excursionists to take back as tokens of their trip to the border, were at all times crowded with people and extra clerical help was necessary during the temporary rush. All the merchants report a heavy business this year, and this in itself was a recompense for the effort and money expended in carrying out the annual celebration this year.

Prize Automobile.

The most beautifully decorated car in the Twenty-second parade was that of the Epworth League of the First Methodist Church. So said the judges as they awarded first prize to what was truly a piece of art. The car—Dr. J. K. Thompson's Overland—was covered in yellow, and the members of the Epworth League cabinet wore costumes, these representing the colors of the society, white and gold. The League flower, the violet, covered the society emblem, the Maltese cross on each of the four sides of the car, and was banked in profusion on the rim of the car and on the backs of the seats. The Epworth League has an active membership of forty, with a large number of associate members. Fraternal and civic pride were mingled as they learned of the honor which greeted their first attempt of this kind.

COLLEGE BOYS COMMENDED.

Laredo Club of the A. & M. Secured Special Permission to Come to Laredo to Appear in Parade.

The members of the Laredo Club of the Texas A. & M. College who appeared in the civic parade on the afternoon of Thursday wearing their uniforms and with college banners flying, came here especially for the big event after securing special permission from the president of the college. In the party representing the Laredo Club of the A. & M. were M. R. Wormser, A. F. Muller, L. C. Becker, E. J. Biskamp, S. G. Mann and E. G. Mullally.

Many favorable expressions were heard on the creditable appearance made by the six young men and their decorated car. The boys from College Station go back home not only as boosters of Laredo, but also of the great college at which they are students.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

PAIR OF DARING BURGLARS ENTER HOME ALBERT OFFER

AND WHEN OWNER APPEARS ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM ON SPOT.

Detected in Their Work of Robbing Offer Home, Burglars Offered Resistance and Made Getaway.

Last night at least two bold, daring burglars were detected in the act of burglarizing the home of Albert Offer on West Farragut street, and then when caught in the act offered resistance by throwing a revolver at the owner of the place when he appeared on the scene and endeavored to capture the burglars before they made their getaway with personal belongings, but luckily the revolver hurled at Mr. Offer only inflicted a slight scalp wound, though temporarily rendering him senseless.

Mr. and Mrs. Offer had just returned from attending a motion picture show at about 10:20 last night and discovered that the gate had been tampered with and was hard to open. After entering the yard Mr. Offer, noticing a light burning in the back of the house, suspected that his home had been entered. He walked around to the side of the house and found a window open, and as he peered in, saw a man standing near the window and the intruder hurled a revolver at Mr. Offer, striking him in the head.

Mr. Offer was felled by the blow, but soon recovered and it was then that he noticed that there was a second party in the front part of the house. He went to the rear door to enter from that part and the burglars made their escape, leaving a trunkful of goods which they had packed standing near the window on the side of the house, and which they found too burdensome to carry in their flight. Whether or not the burglars succeeded in getting away with anything was not determined by Mrs. Offer up to this morning.

A boy who was nearby when the men escaped from the house says they were Mexicans, he noticing them as they rushed past under an electric light. The police department was immediately notified and a search instituted, but so far no clue has been found to the burglars. Had Mr. Offer entered the house and the burglars hidden, perhaps he would have been killed, as they appeared to have that idea in mind.

Just after the alarm of the burglary had been given and the entire neighborhood around the Offer home had been aroused, Mr. W. D. Butler, who resides nearby ran out and helped in the hunt. The burglars evidently ran across the lot of the Butler home and jerked a couple of pickets off the fence and dropped a deadly weapon in their flight, for this morning Mr. Butler found two missing panels in his fence and also picked up an ugly-looking dirk which had been dropped in the yard by the thieves.

CARNIVAL CLOSES SUNDAY.

Wortham Shows, Which Furnished Carnival Attractions During the Celebration, to End Engagement.

The C. A. Wortham Shows, which have been holding forth in this city since Saturday night, February 17, and which came here to fill an engagement during the celebration, will terminate its stay in Laredo with the performances tomorrow night.

Those who have seen the various riding devices and tented attractions which constitute the amusements with the Wortham shows can conscientiously approve it as one of the cleanest, most wholesome, most moral and best carnival aggregations that ever visited Laredo. All their tented shows are of the best to be secured by the management, there is no offensive or immoral acts and everything shown in the tents are such as would meet the approval of the most cynical critic.

THIEVES VISITED TWO FARMS.

At One Place They Took Clothing and Provisions and at the Other Some Pieces of Harness.

Thieves were operating on the outskirts of Laredo Thursday night and are known to have visited at least two farms and appropriated articles of value and made away with them.

On Thursday night while the occupants of the Jesus Herrera farm were in the city enjoying the celebration festivities thieves entered the farmhouse there and looted the place, taking a supply of clothing and also a lot of groceries. They also visited the adjoining farm of Charles Ross and, entering the barn, stole a pair of mule collars and perhaps several other pieces of harness. At the Ross farm the thieves also filled their hats with some rotten eggs which had been left in a corner of the barn and had become quite odorous on account of age, so if there are any sudden explosions heard anywhere, don't take it for cannon shots—it may be those eggs.

SOCIETY
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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.
The Children's Choral Club will meet at Elks Hall at ten o'clock in the morning with Mrs. Loring.
The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Vera Lang at a quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Boy Scouts will meet at the club room of the Methodist church at half after seven o'clock in the evening.
Mrs. Charles Deutz entertained with a luncheon at half after one o'clock in the afternoon, honoring Mrs. John Carter Marshall of Chicago.

Sunday.
The Junior League of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will meet at the church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at a quarter to seven o'clock in the evening.

Monday.
The Music Department of the Women's Club will meet at Mrs. Anderson's studio at four o'clock in the afternoon.
Mrs. S. B. Hopkins will be the leader.

This May Interest You.
The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

A Love Day.
You are the blushing, rosy dawn;
You are the dew upon the lawn;
You are the golden, rising sun;
You are the flowers, every one;
You are the laughing summer seas;
You are the budding almond trees;
You are the perfume of the flowers;
You are the evening's twilight hour;
You are the wind from out the west;
You are the bird upon her nest;
You are the silence of the night;
You are the moon's enchanting light;
You are the jeweled sky above—
But, more than all, you are my love!
—Mrs. David Blispham.

General Mention.
Mr. S. W. DeWolf returned home yesterday from New Orleans, and Mrs. DeWolf went on to Columbus, Georgia, for a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Lacey and daughter, Miss Imogene, of Cotulla, returned home yesterday after spending the holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Kerr.

Mrs. Sidney Katz of San Antonio was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Chas. Moser, during the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Denike and Miss Alice Denike are in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Adams of San Antonio is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jefferies and Mrs. John Jefferies returned to their ranch yesterday afternoon, after spending several days in the city as the guests of Mrs. A. Jefferies.

Mr. W. F. Jones returned to San Antonio yesterday after a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Wilcox.

Mrs. J. C. Marshall and little daughter Janet are the guests of Mrs. L. J. Christen.

Mrs. E. Clarke, who has been the house guest of Mrs. S. S. Wilcox, left today for her home in San Antonio.

Mr. Ben Bennett of Banquette was the guest of Mrs. A. Jefferies this week.

Mrs. J. E. Jones and children of

Texas City are expected to arrive today for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackin.

Mrs. E. B. Schultz of Little Rock arrived yesterday afternoon to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Buenz.

Mrs. H. M. Taylor and daughter, Miss Isadore, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. G. W. Derby, returned to San Antonio yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. Shoemaker and daughter, Mrs. E. E. Wiseman, are here from El Paso, and will remain for three weeks.

Mrs. Sam Yates and son, Porter, are among the visitors in Laredo this week, and are stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Bunn.

Miss Florence Yeager and Miss Mary Clopton returned to Hebbronville yesterday after a several days' visit to Mrs. A. E. Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buenz, accompanied by Miss Anna Bayha of New Braunfels, arrived this morning from New Orleans, where they attended the Mardi Gras.

Entertainments.
The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh entertained with a pleasant informal farewell reception for Colonel and Mrs. Durfee yesterday afternoon at the Ninth Infantry Club. The hall was attractively decorated with flags and pennants, and the Ninth Infantry band furnished a delightful program of popular airs. The guests, who included the officers and ladies of the regular army were greeted by Colonel and Mrs. Durfee and Colonel and Mrs. Lee. Delicious punch was served throughout the afternoon. Refreshments were served from a prettily appointed table, Mrs. Kinney poured tea. Toasts were given by Colonel Durfee, Colonel Lee, and Major Rockanback. About seventy-five friends of Colonel and Mrs. Durfee called during the afternoon to bid them farewell and to wish them felicity in their new station in Honolulu.

Club Notes.

The Laredo Library is in receipt of the following new books. Subscribers will be glad to know that this list will be added to regularly each month from now on. The library is still located in the City Drug Store and Miss Nelson is in charge from three to six every afternoon except Sundays. "Chloe Malone," "Proof of the Pudding," "Thirteenth Commandment," "The Chief Legatee," "Man of Music Mountain," "Miss Billy's Decision," "Miss Billy Married," "Romance of a Christmas Carol," "King of the Kybber Rifles," "Romance of Billy Goat Hill," "Daddy Long Legs," "A Weaver of Dreams," "The Rising Tide," "Seventeen," "The Heart of Rachel," "Just David," "The Street of Seven Stars," "Penrod," "Miss Billy," "Molly Make Believe," "The Wonderful Years," "Saturday's Child," "When a Man's a Man."

The Woman's Club is in receipt of an announcement of a free scholarship in the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music, available to first class students in each locality. The Indianapolis Conservatory is one of the largest musical institutions and one of the few musical universities in the states, so the value of this offered tuition is very apparent. This scholarship adds to the many already in the gift of the State Federation, musical and literary, which may be had by ambitious students throughout the state, with the help of federated clubs. The rules governing the methods of application, etc., may be had from officers of the Woman's Club.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight partly cloudy; warmer; Sunday generally cloudy; warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 90 degs.
Min. temp. 56 degs.
General direction of wind: South.
Clear.

ALL FACILITIES.

The aged admiral was well known for his powers of exaggeration. At supper one night he was describing a thrilling voyage.

"While cruising in the Mediterranean," he said, "we passed an island which was red with lobsters."

"But," said one of the politely incredulous guests, "lobsters are not red until boiled."

"Of course not," said the undaunted admiral, "but this was a volcanic island with boiling springs!"

BOY SCOUT NOTES.



The Boy Scouts of Laredo are lamenting the fact that when Gorham Woods leaves that they are losing their best scout. Gorham was one of the charter members of the troop and has always taken the greatest interest in the work done by each member. He was elected senior patrol leader and has set a splendid example for other patrol leaders. Jack King will succeed Gorham Woods as patrol leader of the Owl Patrol.

The flags of the troop were carried in the parade yesterday and Eugene Guernsey and Oscar Simpson were flag bearers.

The Boy Scouts were paid a compliment by some of the "Regulars" yesterday who remarked on the perfect step that the boys kept while marching in the parade. Scout Master Miller, however, deserves the credit as he has worked with the boys indefatigably.

The scouts are very proud of Jimmie Towne, who received first prize yesterday as the best looking scout, and of Jack King, who received second prize.

The presentation of the flags will take place on March 3.

Robert Bigden has been received into the membership of the troop.

The scouts hope that some of the dandy good fellows among the boys in town will form another troop and that they will call at the scout's headquarters and see the scoutmaster about it. Did none of them feel yesterday that they would like to have been dressed up in a scout's uniform and have shared in the day's pleasure and work? Did none of the boy's parents feel that they would like to see their manly boys in the ranks of the scouts? Think of the good that these boys are capable of doing and take their scout law and see that it teaches a boy, in the way that he likes to be taught, of his duty to his God, his country and to keep himself morally and mentally clean. Shall Laredo be behind in this work which all of the towns and cities in the country have taken up? Shall her boys be deprived of what is surely their right, because the parents have not taken the proper interest in good clean sport for the boys? A girl is under her mother's care and eye more than the average boy, who craves the companionship of other boys and when his father is too busy to take the time to choose his companions and share his sports, what could be better than a scout master, selected by a council to look after these things?

PERSONALS

W. L. Bryan, representative of the Certain-teed Products Corporation, with headquarters in San Antonio is in the city on business.

I. D. McKee of the Woodward Carriage Co. of San Antonio, is in the city for a short business visit.

John K. Patterson, representing Thomas A. Edison, with headquarters at San Antonio, is a visitor in the city.

Geo. Cooper of "Black Horse" fame left last night for San Antonio on a short business trip.

Arthur E. Derby and Jesus Ferrara of Monterey left last night for San Antonio after a short business visit here.

BENDER.—L. S. Everett, Fort Worth; John Gerve, Cincinnati, Ohio; Raymond Smith Temple; Jose Riestra, Jose M. Rivero, Monterey; J. E. Campbell and wife, Palatka, Fla.; W. D. Syers, San Antonio; E. G. Lastinger and family, Waco; A. C. McGreor, Jack Van Buttell, Fort Worth; J. L. Mayfield, Corpus Christi; E. J. Austin, Mexico; G. Gonzalez, San Antonio; Ben Massey, Chicago; F. Ayres, Dallas; L. C. Frihle, F. Alatorre, Clara Hernandez, San Antonio; A. J. Davis, Del Rio; Enrique Castillo, R. Silva, Mexico; F. Mario, Tampico.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.